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AS HIGHLIGHTED BY PROPHETS

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A Few Words

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When I visited Jamman Shah in September 2002, late jafar-uz-Zaman Naqvi expressed his wish that I should review his book which he had written in English. I promised to do the same in deference to his wishes but I was skeptical if I was really competent to do the job for his own erudition needed on review.

It will not be out of place to mention here that late Jafar-uz-Zaman was the man who had impressed me the most as a scholar and as a man. During these years, I wisited him twice. Mr. Ramzan Ali, my very dear and devoted student, who now holds a responsible position in the Govt. Of Pakistan, Islamabad, was the motivating force for my to visits. The first time I visited Jamman Shah in February 2002, the magnetic personality of late Jafar Naqvi and the place had an enthralling effect on me. Whereas almost the whole world has become a den of corruption, I found Jamman Shah an island of spiritualism and the place was indeed a true replica of piety of late Jafar-uz-Zaman and his old Father rather preceptor, Mr. Talib Hussain Shah. My stay there during both the visits was for five days. On all the five days, I saw the place humming with spiritual activities. A large number of men visiting in different groups, congregations being held, discussions being made-however, the attempt of each visitor was to share with the spiritual bliss. What really struck me that each one coming to quench his spiritual thirst was being properly looked after

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and was served with food as well as with tea, no matter how long he/she stay there.

Besides being a polyglot, late Jafar Naqvi was a man of profound knowledge. When he delivered sermons, each listener was spell-bound. Religion was, as a matter of fact, his own domain but when he spoke on astrology, astronomy, music, mathematics, physics of any other topic related to any subject under the sun, he spoke with such an authority and delved so deep that the listeners were highly impressed. On each visitor he showered his love in such a way that the visitor thought as if he was his special guest. It is interesting to note that late Jafar-uz-Zaman Naqvi never went to school in his life and he was poet of almost eight languages with full command on them

I was all amazed to watch his activities. My amazement was as to how he could afford so much time for people and what fund of energy he possessed to attend to so many delegations for such long hours. To each delegation he addressed according to its intelligence level. In such a role, he indeed looked superb. A many-sided genius as late Jafar Naqvi was, I was equally amazed as to how so many praiseworthy qualities were combined in his personality. A man untutored and unschooled in a formal way, having such a fund of vast knowledge on each and every subject and enjoying proficiency in such a large number of languages, at the same time commanding so much respect when he himself was so self-effacing. Each time to this question my own self answered to me that it was the blessing of God, the Merciful and the infallible being for whose reappearance he had devoted his entire life. For the blossoming of such a rare personality, the real credit went to his father Mr. Talib Hussain Shah. a spiritualist of a higher status.

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A couple of weeks ago when Mr.Mazhar Hussain Moosavi, a close and intimate companion of late Jafar-uz-Zaman, informed me on the telephone that he was sending the manuscript to me through courier service, my heart began to beat and the pulse rate grew. What an ill fate that the manuscript of Jafar-uz-Zaman Sahib was coming to me after his death. Then I remembered his words which amounted to his will. The manuscript come and I completed the task. During all these days the realization was that people like him never die. As inscrutable are the ways of God, may be that the mission of the deceased be on the verge of completion and the 'Last Reformer' be on the way to reappearance of God, in His infinite Mercy, may send him again along with the Reformer as one of his helpers and assistants. To quote a line of John Milton, an eminent English Poet:

''They also serve who stand and wait''

As an accomplished writer, late Jafar Naqvi wrote a large number of books in different languages. This book entitled 'The Last Reformer' is in the English language. Whereas it is replete with quotations from the Holy Bible, Torah and David's Psalms and the Quran, at places there are references from the sacred books of Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs. In books on religion the general trend is that almost each writer first tries to denounce and falsify other religions of sects and then he defends his own faith. In this book, the learned writer has neither condemned any religion nor his he upheld Islam alone. He has addressed to men of all faiths and religions. Thus, the book is universal in its appeal as the writer was universal in his outlook during his lifetime.

The writer has given the details of conditions of the present life all over the globe before the emergence of ''the Last Reformer''. Life will be intolerable over the entire earth, as evils of manifold nature will have enveloped the entire glove. There will be strifes, dissensions, disputes and wars

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everywhere. Some of the symptoms of the time of reappearance are evident while much is still shrouded into mystery. None but God, the Omniscient, Knows the real time of the reappearance of 'the Las Reformer'.

As this book is intended for the entire human race, irrespective of caste, creed and colour, therefore, it's an augury that mankind is not as a whole doomed. All the vices, sufferings and hardships are short=lived. After the reappearance of 'The Last Reformer', lasting peace will prevail everywhere, man will re-acquire his dignity which he has lost, all necessities will rool in plenty. On his reappearance the earth will spit out all the hidden treasures. No ghost of hunger and starvation will loom large and prosperity will be order of the day. Thus, the whole humanity has a rosy and bright future but the intervening period which, beyond, doubt, is frustrating should be treated as a period of trial. Therefore, Immediate need of this hour is that each of us irrespective of cast, creed and colour should pray the Almighty with utmost sincerity for the earliest emergency of 'the Las Reformer'. Truly speaking, in our sincerest prayer lies not our own future, but the future of the entire mankind.
I sum up this premise with following prayer:

May the Reformer dawn on the horizon of the world without any further delay.
May the dawn of his appearance usher a new era of peace and prosperity for the entire mankind.
May man gain his real dignity for which the Almighty had created him as His vice-regent.
May evils of manifold nature such as injustice, dissension, etc be uprooted for all times from the face of the earth.
May we witness that epock and may Talib Hussain shah and Jafar-uz-Zaman act as the

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lieutenants of the 'Last Reformer' and the Messiah. Amen.

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A WORLD OF THANKS

We are highly thankful to the learned author of the book in hand, who very kindly asked us to assist him in the compilation of this book. We were aware of our shortcomings as well as the loftiness of the goal. Despite all this we thankfully agreed to perform this job.

The number of books written so for about the Last Great Reformer is so huge that it can bring about a library of honourable size. This 'much-discussed topic has been uniquely dealt with by the learned author Syed Muhammad Jafar-uz-Zaman Naqvi.

The approach to the topic seems to be quite novel and untouched. He has tried to trace out the prophecies about a Divine Reformer, from Old and New Testaments. He has put forth copious citations from the said books to bear upon his viewpoint.

He has scholastically proved that basically all the religions are one and the same and the so-called differences are the creation of the religious exploiters with their ulterior motives.

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They kept the scriptures out of the reach of a common man for centuries, simply to make capital out of it. They did not allow translating those into common languages and equated any such attempt with an unpardonable sin; last their monopolies and vested interests should be damaged. They succeeded in their game and the people in general, remained away from religion.

When our author says that every religion presents an idea of a divine Deliverer, it sounds novel to the majority in the present age. It is simply because of the ignorance created by the group alluded to, above. It is told that the self-same group will fight tooth and nail when the Great Reformer emerges.

This Book is an open invitation to the sane and reasonable element of every religion for suspending mutual differences and hostilities because all of us have a common start and a common end. If presents food for thought to the modern mind. If a single person is reasonably convinced or a single soul is redeemed after reading the book in hand, the whole labour is amply rewarded

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PREFACE

After boundless praises of Lord of all lords, and countless benediction on the Last Great Reformer and his impeccable forefathers (A.S) , who has been kept in reserve till date , simply to meet out a universal peace and a flawless code of life to mankind all over the globe. I elucidate the following:

Suffice it will to say, for the introduction of the book in hand, that it asks the believers of all the religions on the earth that if they try to go through the scriptures of their own religion, they would surely find the prophecies about a Celestial Guide and Reformer who is to appear in the last and will not only turn the troubled world into a cradle of peace but also will unite the humanity under the flag of a single religion.

This book invites every follower of every religion first to try to locate Celestial Guide's entity, his name, his details, his attributes etc. from his own religious books and then to compare the same to those detailed in the books of other religions and subsequently to decide himself whether he is not the same for whom all the religions are waiting anxiously?

This book also points out that the past of all the religions is full of mutual hatred. It is the time now to forget the same. For the sake of a golden future we should lay aside our bitter past and should unite over a common leadership which is the only ray of hope for our future, because he is not a self-imposed leader but one selected by the Creator of the Universe.

Effort has been made to supply maximum possible information about the specialties, reforms and the spiritual aspect of the personality of the Last Great Reformer, extracted from the Scriptures of world religions. A study of the same will convince every reasonable follower of all religions that

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the concept of the awaited Great Reformer is one and the same everywhere. If at all, there is any difference, it is only about the name. So instead of wrangling over names, we should unitedly wait for him.

When the Last Leader will emerge?

The book in hand combines all the prophecies and events preceding his emergence as described in the holy books of all religions. All of these have a striking resemblance.

A request has been made to all the religions that they should suspend their mutual disputes for the time being and wait for the coming one. We should so prepare our minds that whenever he emerges, we should welcome him with open arms, so much so that even if he introduces himself with reference to any religion, we should acknowledge him. If he says his religion is Christianity, the Hindus, Jains, Zoroastrians, Jews and Muslims should embrace his religion. When you will see the portrait of his personality as presented by all the religions viz. Christians, Jews, Jains, Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims, you will feel that all the religions are like a star whose every nook touches this Great Reformer.

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UNANIMITY OF RELIGIONS

When we look at the history of man we view an incessant bloodshed and massacre. The human history, in fact, is a long story of the murder of humanity and human values. As a result of gradual evolution, man became civilized but with this advancement he became more cruel and ruthless. In tribal life human murder was restricted to one or two only, but presently as the whole world has become a single society, people are being slaughtered beyond thousands. We see a stream of blood flowing from the murder of Habeel up to the massacre in Bosnia Herzegovina.

No thinker or scholar can deny the fact that out of all the murders on the face of earth fifty percent were committed in the name of religion. Those who were murdered for the sake of money, land or woman are far less than those who were killed in the name of religion.

In the near past we have passed through two global wars and the third one seems to be quite at hand. There can be no two opinions about the fact that the number of persons killed in two world wars was lesser than those butchered in the name of religion. In the background of the said two wars, in addition to other factors, one factor was religion too.

If we try to find the reasons of Nazi tyranny on the Jews, it becomes clear from the Jewish history that it was the reaction of the policies of the Jews that lasted for centuries. The lust for power always slew humanity in the garb of religion. The most pious man of the world (Christ) was crucified in the name of religion instead of Barabbas, the dacoit. There were so many Prophets whose blood was shed as a service to religion.

In various wars between Islam and other religions of the world the bone of contention was nothing but religion. In a single religion there can be found so many militant sects which are brutally killing

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human beings.This is being done even today. After all why? There may be a clash of two religions or sects, but it results in the destruction of mankind. Is there any religion which attaches little importance to man?

There seems to be no such religion. The religion is meant for the welfare of mankind and not man for the religion. Even the strictest order of any religion has an exception. This exception is not only for the safeguard of man but also for the whole creation. For example, there is no ritual worship or any prayer, which might be counted more precious than a soul. This can be established by an example. Suppose a person is offering his prayer and a puppy is drowning in a nearby water pond. In such a situation it is mandatory that the said person should give up the prayer and save the drowning puppy. If a puppy is so important, then what to speak of a baby in similar circumstances? So the safety and welfare of humanity is certainly more important than the worship of God or other rituals. This priority can be proved in another way. If a man owes something to another man, on the day of Judgement only the owner can forgive that. A murderer will only be forgiven if a reprieve is granted by the man whom he murdered.

The Religion enjoins two sets of rights;

(i) Rights of God on man which are mostly ritual commandments and
(ii) Rights of man on other fellowmen.

God Almighty has full powers to write-off his own rights as He is forgiver of sins and Merciful. But no pardon will be allowed by God Almighty so for as the second set of rights is concerned. So pardon in this case will become difficult if not impossible. Thus it is more dangerous to damage human rights.

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God Almighty deputed 124000 Prophets firstly to propagate His Oneness and secondly to teach man to love his fellowmen. The main objective of all the revealed religions was to create in man a sense of mutual peace, respect, love, safety and confidence with specific stress on a complete, comprehensive and ever ready safety for the whole human race.

As a man is naturally habitual of seeking backdoors, here too he searched out new methods of cheating, fraud, looting and killing under the guise of religion simply to thwart the teaching of the prophets.
No religious leader allowed either killing or plundering or gave a free permission for moral degradation. The religious preachers kept a balance in their teachings for different sets of men in different conditions. They told cruel persons that their God is the Just. The tormentors were told that God can give painful punishment. The repenters were told that God is forgiver of sins and merciful. He accepts repentance and is more kind than parents. Later on when the mischievous preachers acquired power they assured the cruel persons that God is merciful and bountiful. With this interpretation they gave a free play to the oppressors for doing what ever they liked.

The main aim of religion was put aside and side issues as well as prejudices were flared up. The edifice of human character was built on the foundation of hate. Some evil thinkers presented religion nothing more than bias and prejudice only, with the result that the mistranscriptive ideas got the central position, biased preaching got the power and petty differences provided justification for bloodshed. Man became quite shelterless on the face of earth.

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It became a routine that whenever any religion acquired power, it tried to wipe out the followers of the other religions. It was considered just to oppress and dishonor the weak, to loot their assets and disgrace the women folk. Nobody can point out a single religious leader who allowed ravishing the women of opponents. If some one succeeds to present any such proof about the top leaders of any religion that will not be more than a blame on these personalities. The religions came into existence for man and not man for the religions. All the topmost religious leaders who came in this world presented identical codes of morality. The same have not even the slightest difference. The ethics of all the religions of the world is quite identical. Falsehood, fraud, murder, theft, dacoity, illicit intercourse, slander, backbiting, brutality, wickedness, abusing, insult etc. all the moral crimes have equally been condemned and denounced by all the religions. If we make a deeper study, we shall find that even the smallest degree of the crimes enumerated above was condemned. For example Moses said "Don't commit illicit intercourse". The Christ said "An evil look is like an unlawful intercourse. Don't cast an evil look." The Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.) said “Don’t think of illicit intercourse because it amounts to actual committing of the same". This is an evolutionary effort to lift man step by step, on the stairs of piety. With the gradual refinement of man, various aspects of a single crime were taken notice of. Such as to commit murder, intention of murder and to plan a murder; or to commit a theft, intention of theft or to plan of a theft. Similarly various aspects of all the crimes were defined with the clear intention to save man from crime and to make him more pious. So I can safely declare that the moral laws pronounced by all the prophets or other important religious personages are quite the same. Their notions of lawful and unlawful or right or wrong also coincide.

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A study of all the seven prevailing religions today has brought me to a definite conclusion that the basic concepts of all of them are the same. Their 90% ethical similarity shows that all the religions are 100% the same. The difference of 10% is not real but a creation of ulterior motives. It is high time that we all should make a study of various prophets and their religions positively and not critically. We should not stop to underline the points of difference and indulge in uncalled for discussions but we should study them to bring out common directives, common ideas and common moral values. We should also try to view as to how far we are similar to our other counterparts. The critical and biased discussions have already resulted in loss of innumerable human souls. We should stop going further in this direction.

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A REALISTIC ANALYSIS

What is religion?

A simple answer to this question is "A requitable way."

Every religion has two basic facets:

(i) Spiritual (belief)
(ii) Practical (rituals).

Spiritual facet has two further parts:

(i) Perceptible (ii) Non-Perceptible

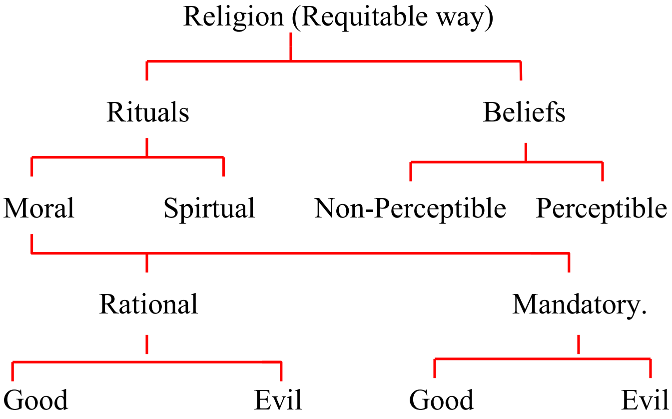
The practical facet has also two more branches:

(i) Spiritual (ii) Moral

Each of them is further divided into two branches:

(i) Rational (ii) Mandatory.

There are things, which are forbidden or allowed by the reason and there are others which have been forbidden or allowed by God's order. So good and evil are of two kinds. One kind is specified by human reason and the other is defined by the prophets in the light of divine revelations. The following diagram will further elaborate the preceding thesis.



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Reflective facet of the religion deals with beliefs and ideology. It is concerned more with the life hereafter and less with life in this world. This is a link between the creator and the individual. It is a secret link. This is a secret path which leads to the Lord of all lords (God).In the modern age there would be very few foolish persons who would like to have so many beloveds. On the other hand all the notable personages of all the religions like to have one Beloved (God). There is no doubt that there is a variety of means and ways to reach the Ultimate Reality. Lord God is no doubt one only. No religion either denies the oneness of God or attributes any offspring to Him.In Bible itself, the Christ, whenever talks about himself, he says that he is the son of Adam. All the Muslims proclaim themselves to be the "Sons of Unity". Thus they consider God like a kind Father. They actually do not claim to be the real sons of God. This is something else, if someone takes this metaphor literally. Such a believer is free to express his love for God in the way he likes. This is between him and his Creator. No one else can interfere. Religion does not allow any sort of interference in the beliefs of others. Even if someone denies the presence of God, we should not coerce him to believe. We should try to persuade him with love and logic. Persuasion at pistol point is strictly prohibited. If some-one is not amenable to arguments, we should leave him by saying "Your religion for you and ours for us". (Al Quran)

Islam enjoins no coercion in matters of religion.

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THE PRACTICAL FACET

This facet aims at making a man complete in all respects. This is the practical side of the religion. Its first portion is purifying and spiritual and the second is moral.

Morality:

What is meant by morality?

The Morality is threefold like the knowledge itself, The first kind of knowledge defines a thing what actually it is .The second kind explains what a thing ought to be. The third kind of knowledge deals with the methods which make an ordinary thing an ideal one. For example a person invented a radio set. At first it was observed as to what actually it was? This is the first type of knowledge. When it was felt that it needed further improvements, it is second type of knowledge. What methods should be adopted to make it an ideal radio set? This is the third branch of knowledge.

Similarly, Ethics has also three aspects. There are many stages between the basest man and God Almighty. A man however pious he may be, cannot become God. He will be at a certain stage of piety.

This stage can be a milestone of his journey towards the Ultimate Reality. In spite of man's effort to achieve complete goodness, he cannot be devoid of some iota of evil. Thus it can be concluded that man is bad. This is the first stage of morality that man should become aware of his shortcomings.

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The next stage will be as to what he should be? The Prophets were the ideals set before various societies to which they were sent. And man is required to conform to the Prophets in his character. He should try to follow them. This is the second stage. Third stage is to search out the style of life led by the Prophets. The practical adoption of this style is the actual demand so that a man might become an ideal man.

Morality has two further branches

1. Rational ethics. 2. Mandatory ethics.

(1) Rational Ethics:

What we term as rational ethics is actually a part of Divine revelations. The number of reformers is so large and their teachings are so widely spread, though anonymously, that a man can perceive higher moral values with the help of reason without believing in God. Even the man of Stone Age possessed reason but he could not perceive higher moral values. This became possible after centuries. The concept of 'good' and 'bad' is so distinct that a man can recognize the same without knowing those who presented it. He knows that justice is good and injustice is bad. Truth is good and falsehood is bad. In this way the rational ethics is available in a codified form. In the early period of mankind rational ethics was also a portion of mandatory ethics. The Prophets had circulated the same in the shape of commandments, such as the Ten Commandments of Moses. Later on with the development of human reason even the non-believers are also practicing the same commandments to the utter disregard of reward or punishment in the next world.

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(2) Mandatory Ethics:

In spite of all the rational development the human mind is not free from error. It fails to recognize good or evil in some cases. Therefore he takes benefit by obeying the mandatory provisions of the religion and becomes safe from any loss. The major portion of mandatory ethics is common in all the religions. A small portion carries differences. It is this portion which has been exploited by the religious monopolists.

The mandatory ethics is divided into two portions viz. "good" and "evil". It is here that some monopolists have tried to present 'good' as 'evil' and 'evil' as 'good' simply to make themselves distinguished. Some others have simply changed the procedure in some cases. For example the concept of "fast" exists in all the religions but the actual practice slightly differs from religion to religion without diminishing anything from its moral importance.

If we go deep in rational and mandatory ethics, we find that they are based on the following two factors:

1. Evil is based on usurping the rights of others.
2. Good is based on giving everyone his due.

It means 85% of good and evil is founded on the said two factors. For example all the believers and non-believers concede that murder, dacoity, theft, bribery and misappropriation are evils and are a clear injury to the rights of others. Therefore these are evils. If we attentively look at adultery, we find that this too is an injury to others rights. The woman on whom adultery is committed is someone's daughter, sister, wife or daughter-in-law. By adultery the rights of all of them are injured.

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I cannot go into the details of all the crimes because I may miss my goal and my reader will become perplexed.

Fasting has medical utility as well as benefits of the next world. Morally it is a persuasion to perceive the hunger of the poor and to help him. This aspect signifies the moral importance of fast.

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REASONS OF DIFFERENCES

As I have already underlined, the religious monopolists are the main cause of differences between the religions. If we try to find the real percentage of these differences the following analysis will supply the answer. The ethics in reality is based upon the following three questions and answers there to:

1. What is a man morally?
   Answer. Bad.

2. What a man ought to be?
   Answer. Good.

3. What deeds comprise piety?

As regards the first two questions there can be no difference to their answers and the whole human race in unanimous on the point that man is bad and that he should be good. The differences arise so far as the answer to the third question is concerned but they are settled with the following result:

Man is bad, he should be good and he can become good with good deeds. What is the utility of piety? A chaste and peaceful society will come into existence and the pleasure of Lord God will be achieved. This result leaves no room for any difference. There is only 25% of ethics which is subjected to various differences. A deeper study will show that 80% of this portion also is non-differential. Thus only 5% of total ethics is at variance or contradictory and 95% is uniform. Now the question arises that when 95% is uniform, can we not abandon 5%; which is contradictory? Is it justified that in spite of 95%

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uniformity there should be bloodshed and destruction due to 5% of differences? If we ignore this 5% matter, all the religions of the world can be brought in a single row.

The standard fixed by revelation for humanity and civility of a man is that how far is he harmless and how far is he beneficial for his society? A man, who is least harmful and most profitable for his society, is the ideal man. If he doesn't conform to the said standard he will be far below the par. The least which God requires from a man is that if he cannot be beneficial to his fellowmen, he must not be harmful to them. It is the first stage of civility that a man should not be harmful to his fellowmen with regard to their body, spirit or belongings. If he is not so, then he is a vexatious animal not a man.

To the ill luck of humanity, new ideologies have been coined. A Jew considers that only the Jews will get salvation even though they may satisfy their lust with their mothers and sisters. A Christian declares that the salvation only falls to the share of Christians even though they may openly attend the naked clubs. A Muslim considers that only the Muslims deserve salvation even though they may not distinguish between their wives and daughters.

We find that there are so many gentle and pious persons among all the religions. If any of the labels (Jews, Christians, Muslims) is to be honoured by God on the day of Judgment, will it meet the demands of justice to throw all the pious men of other religions into hell? If the salvation is only for Jews, irrespective of their conduct and character, what will be the end of a most pious and gentle Christian or Muslim? If the Muslims only deserve salvation what will be the fate of those pious and gentle Jews and Christians who are beneficial for humanity and are free from moral

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infirmities. If they are to be thrown into the hell, will it be just on the part of God Almighty? God Almighty, like a head of any political party, will not shower honours only on the members of his party. He will requite according to the deeds of men. He himself says in Quran that he will not let go waste the good deeds of anyone. The revealed book of every religion has foretold the result of evil doings. Holy Quran has clearly threatened the evil-doers with dire consequences. So is the case with Old Testament of Jews (Old Testament), Bible of Christians and Geeta of Hindus. All these books clearly state that a good man is good without any reference to his religion and a bad man is bad without any reference to his religion. In view of this the labelism will not hold water.

In Islamic literature there are so many Traditions which have predicted the salvation of some Non-Muslims. For example Najashi, the King of Habsha was a Christian, Hatim was an infidel of Arabia, and Nosherwan was a Zoroastrian of Persia. Since all these men had the best human character, the Holy Prophet of Islam clearly told about their salvation. It can be proved from the Holy Quran that a large number of Muslims will be thrown into the hell. The upshot of the foregoing discussion is that a man must be morally pious and profitable for the society.

In Islamic Jurisprudence wherever the word "Haraam" (forbidden) occurs, it demands respect for something or the other. If we look at the philosophy of forbidding something we shall find that an idea of respect is there.

Man is the owner of four kinds of assets:

1. Wealth.
2. Life.
3. Honour.
4. Religion

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The ideal man is one who has respect for all these four assets.The damage, total or partial, of wealth, life, honour or religion of others is strictly forbidden in Islam. The breach of any of moral laws will involve damage to one of the said four assets. It holds well for an individual as well as for a nation. In all the religions in general and in Islam in particular, everything which begets love is "wajib" (obligatory) or "Mustahab" (Desirable)and everything that creates hatred is 'haraam' (forbidden) or 'mukkrooh'(hateful)

It is a pity that the trend of the religious research remained mostly destructive. For example, there are so many Christian scholars who have criticized Bible. They juxtaposed Bible and science to prove that it was a fabricated book and its contents were not authentic They tried to prove from the 'Nasab-namas' Genealogical Tables that Adam came on earth in 3800 B.C. and this is wrong scientifically. They have also tried to prove that it is not correct that the whole human race was wiped out in great deluge of Noha. All their efforts are directed towards the point that Bible is not a revealed book. The foremost of these scholars are Dr. Rogey and Morias Jokita. Similarly there are countless Jew and Muslim scholars whose books try to devalue Bible. I donot think that by proving Bible or old Testament as unrevealed or unauthentic books these scholars have rendered some honourable service to humanity. The fact is that if we carefully look into the old and New Testament we find a big treasure of advices and exhortations. There are numerous things which invite a man to the highest ideals of humanity. We can pick out from these so many formulae which can easily lead us to the Ultimate Reality. I wonder that we carelessly push aside these golden principles and try to make research on triflings.

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Before writing this book when I was collecting material for the same, I had a chance to study a large number of manuscripts of so many such critics. Majority of the same contained misleading discourses. Many of those contained objections on Geeta, Pran, Ramain, Maha-Bharat Vedas and other books attributed to divine personalities. Personally I collected many literary gems from these books. I went through a book called 'Tragedy of Quran' along with other many treatises written by Muslim Scholars to prove the authenticity of the creed they believed in. There are books which contain ruthless criticism on the books of Tradition (Hadeeth). In my view we should sift out only that material which assists us in the advancement of our personality or which supplies an answer to the question "How can I become a good man?"

There is a famous tale called "The Greedy Dog". This tale is no doubt a fiction and fabricated one. It denounces greed. So one should only be concerned with the moral it conveys. There is no need to make a research about the dog, his owner, the bridge or the canal etc. The moral it contains, is conveyed without any research. In a similar manner there is sufficient material in the holy books of all the religions which leads to the higher values of humanity. One should restrict oneself to this material only. If some one gets stuck into contradictory problems, he will deprive himself of the moral advancement which to my view is, the biggest loss of an individual. We must devote our time to concentrate to link ourselves with the Ultimate Reality. A man remains deprived of the purification of self as long as he remains busy with finding faults with others. We should reserve the major portion of our time for rectification of ourselves. The time should not be wasted in collecting misleading and destructive material which results in nothing more than creating violence and

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mischief on the face of earth. It is not the service of humanity, to create hatred among the fellow men.

The principles relating to self purification and self schooling are quite similar in all the revealed books. Some shallow persons have tried to trace out destructive aspects, even in the good points, where Holy Quran, Bible, Old Testament, New Testament and Hindu religious books are unanimous .Some Jews have tried to prove similarity between Old Testament and New Testament with a view to prove that the apostles of Jesus Christ had written the Bible themselves after stealing the material from Old Testament and Five Volumes. And that Mark, Matthew, Luke and John were the plagiarists.

Similarly there are some Christian writers who have tried, on the basis of unanimity between Holy Quran and The New Testament, to invent a story that there was a monk who wrote the Holy Quran for the Holy Prophet or he taught Bible to Holy Prophet and thus assisted in the writing of Holy Quran.

The striking similarity among all the scriptures is due to the fact that all the revealed books were sent by one and the same God. Therefore all the ethical principles remained unchanged and similar in all the scriptures. All the 124000 Prophets told that evil is bad, so they did not steal it from one another. But as the message was the same, they were bound to repeat it. A slight change can be discerned between the first and the last message which is due to the fact that man had mentally advanced by that time.

If a book is prescribed in some syllabus, its lessons will remain the same even though a thousand teachers may teach it. We will not be able to blame them of stealing from one another. Therefore we are led to the

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Conclusion that the revealed books were sent by one Intellect. So we should try to unite ourselves, otherwise all the religions will be reduced to the position of a 'copy to copy'.

Some critics are of the view that the scriptures are a changed form of the mythology of antique nations. The acceptance of this theory will further degrade the religions. If Islam is a copy of Christianity and Christianity a copy of Jewism and Jewism a copy of antique Roman mythology then where goes the religion of Abraham? This trend will destroy the whole religions' philosophy. Actually we should take the antique mythologies as distorted teachings of some prophets, which here and there coincide with the revealed books and these common portions are only safe from distortion.

Spiritual Aspect

The second aspect of the constitutional and practical side of religion is purificational and spiritual. This part is very important because no religion can claim to be a religion without spiritualism. A religion without spiritualism may be a 'code of law', but not a religion. The religion is not the name of ethics or penal laws only.

What is spiritualism and what is its utility?

The answer to this question is called religion.

The utility of spiritualism is concerned with metaphysics. Spiritualism can approach where material means and resources fail to work. The supernatural practices are only possible with spiritualism. The man, after acquiring his spiritual power can not only exercise the same in metaphysical world but can visualize the spiritual world also. The utility of spiritualism is more in

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the next world than this world. The spiritual comforts cannot be described in words until a man himself does not perceive them.

Question arises as to what is spiritualism? An easy and simple answer for a novice is as follows:

It is quite impossible to have a direct view of the Penultimate Light, in this world or the other world. Science has declared that total view of the universe is next to impossible. So the view of the Creator of the universe is far more impossible. The ultimate Reality has told that a specific Light represents Him. I would term this Light as the First Light. We have little or scanty knowledge about the fact as to how that First Light came into being. The First Light was created to act as the deputy of the Ultimate Reality so as to become visible whenever and wherever required. This was done to constitute a proof for man who could only believe in something visible or tangible.

All the prophets who promised to the man, a meeting with Lord, actually meant a meeting with the First Light, because the vision of this Light amounts to the vision of the Lord on his 'Arsh' (Throne). The top-most personalities who have a direct link with the First Light are of two Kinds:

1. Nabi or Prophets   2. Wali or Saint

It must be kept in mind that every prophet is a saint but every saint is not a prophet. The reason for this is that a saint is permanently in touch with the First Light but a Prophet has to keep in touch with his followers also. It can be understood by an example. A pillar of a room has two sides. One is connected with the earth and the other with the roof. The lower side touches

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the base and the upper one the height. The position of a Prophet is quite the same. On one hand he is linked with his followers and on the other with the First Light. That is why the 'wilayat'(saint-hood) of the Prophets is higher than that of the saints. It has been laid down in a Qudsi Tradition that "wilayat (saint-hood) is better than prophet hood." It is because the saintly side of a prophet is on the one hand in touch with the heights of the First Light (a preferable position) wherefrom he receives directions about his duties as prophet and on the other hand he is linked with his people and thus transfers the heavenly beneficence to the people.

A saint also is constantly connected with the First Light but he is not bound to convey the heavenly orders to the people. The connection with the First Light is of two types:

1. Constant connection.
2. Periodical Connection.

Constant connection is bestowed upon none except a saint or a prophet but the periodical one can be achieved by one who can sanctify his soul. The later type of conjunction, if received by someone, is the highest award for a human being, because even though for a short while, he does have a glimpse of the secret and sacred treasure, specified for saints and prophets.

In all the scriptures, where a meeting with God Almighty has been narrated, it is actually the meeting with the First Light. It has been stated in Old and New Testaments that at Mount Seena, a glimpse of 'Yahoowa' had been visualized. Israelites had seen during their journey a light in the cloud.

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This light continued to be visible on the ‘canopy of worship' and 'coffin of sakeena' and talked to sons of Israel. This light was also seen by Prophet Abraham and his pious offspring. In all these cases it was the same 'First Light' which had been previously seen by Adam, Eve, Abel and Cain.

The word 'Yahoowa' is actually a contraction of the word (O one who had been seen).

That one, who had been seen, was not the Penultimate Light because it cannot at all be seen but it was light of His Representative or Deputy whom we call for the facility of understanding as the 'First Light'. A human soul's highest achievement is that it should be able to see this 'First Light' and this is the root of spiritualism.

It is not easy to achieve the position of a saint because it is one of the secrets of God Almighty. This position cannot be acquired but is bestowed. Here a question crops up. Is it possible to have a transitory or periodical connection with the 'First Light' by hard labour? The answer to it is quite simple. The help and encouragement from God Almighty, though necessary, yet a man can achieve a transitory link by dint of untiring labour. What type of labour is required for it? The answer to this question is 'belief and religion ' which is a requitable way in which the labour of none goes waste.

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WAY TO SPIRITUALISM

The methods and means to achieve spiritualism, told by all the religions are strikingly similar. It cannot be claimed that these are all the same but it can be said with certanity that basically these are alike. For example:

1. Concentration:

It comprises of concentration of tongue, hands, eyes and heart, which in modern terminology, are called meditation, contemplation, absorption etc. In Islam it is called 'Muraqiba'.
Its utility has been acknowledged in some scientific and spiritual branches of knowledge e.g. telepathy, parapsychology, Hypnotism etc. The contemplative practices of Yoga have been found quite useful in games and have been admitted into games as exercise.

2. Relinquishing of pleasures:

It is to cast off all types of pleasures, carnal as well as sensual. Most of the things allowed by religion to an ordinary man are to be given up for the sake of purification of soul. It is a very potential means to achieve the end and this too is a common exercise in all the religions.

3. Negation of Desires:

All the demands and desires of the inner self of man are to be opposed. Self has countless demands but the 'salik' or a devotee should strictly avoid the same. It is destructive for spiritualism to bow before the self and meet its demands. The sacrifice of desires is considered a stair for spiritual progress by all the religions.

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4. Hunger and thirst:

The devotee is required to eat and drink, simply to maintain life. Less eating and less drinking is necessary in the way of spiritualism. In the modern age the doctors have declared that 'fasting' is good for health. The concept of fast is in all the religions with different names: Roza, Som, Fast, Barat etc. To have the least possible diet is important for purification of soul.

In Islam it has been advised 'Eat that much only which may save you from death'. Jesus Christ presented a very hard standard. He said that eat as if you were eating our flesh and drink as if you were drinking our blood. Meaning thereby that don't eat to enjoy but to save your life when inevitable.

In the famous tale of Hakeem Balohar and Yuzasf (Buddha) Hakeem's view about diet is presented in the form of a tale: A king in exile lived in a jungle along with his family. They ran short of food and awaited death due to hunger. Suddenly a child passed away with hunger. The king suggested that to save the remaining children from starvation, we should eat the dead child. So they ate. It is clear that they would not have eaten the flesh to their fill but to a quantity that was direly needed to save them. So the 'Salikeen' or the devotees eat in the same manner.

5. Little Sleep.

For the advancement of spiritualism, one should have just a small quantity of sleep. All the religions have the concept of vigil. Islam also admires those who pray throughout night.

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6. Paucity of Speech.

Silence also is a step for the purification of soul. All the religions stress the importance of silence. There is a 'Tradition' in Islam that the religion has ten parts, silence possesses nine out of ten.

7. Negation of Sex.

To give up all sorts of mixing up with the opposite sex is also necessary for spiritualism. It is required that so far as a devotee pursues the elevation of soul, he should lead a life of celibacy. If he is married he should avoid his wife. There is a consensus of opinion on this point among all the religions. Some sages of Islam have gone to the extent that celibacy is far better than married life. Some say otherwise. But all unite to say that it is ideal to avoid the opposite sex during spiritual exercises such as fast or pilgrimage etc.

8. Harmlessness.

It is quite necessary not to harm any living creature. Slaughtering or hunting of all animals is prohibited. Even if someone practices force or violence on the devotee he should, in reply, simply pray for him. Islam has forbidden the killing of even a mosquito during the pilgrimage. It is sin to reply to an abuser. Some sages of Islam have gone to the extent that after wearing the ritual dress of Pilgrimage, if someone slaps the pilgrim on one cheek, the pilgrim should offer the other cheek also and that he should not say a word except to pray for the slapper. It is also unlawful to pluck a single blade of the grass. In Jew-ism, during worship days, it is mandatory to tolerate every kind of cruelty. Some anecdotes of religious Jews reveal that during worship days if someone attacked them, they didn't

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defend themselves. They preferred being killed, to their defense. Similarly Christianity also stresses harmlessness. There is overemphasis in Hindu, Jain and Buddh religions on harmlessness. Killing or slaughtering the animals, eating their meat or even cutting the trees is not practiced by religious minded persons. They think that the trees feel tormented if their branches are cut. The Chinese used to wrap a kerchief around their mouths lest some moth should enter their mouth and die.

The respectable Sufis, who had a central role in the spreading of Islam, during their spiritual exercises, totally relinquished 'Jalalee'. The relinquishment of Jalalee means not to use the things which are made from flesh, hide, hair or milk of animals, viz. Woolen clothes, skin shoes, butter and 'ghee'. They say that originally milk is meant for the Young ones of the animals, therefore it will be detrimental to spiritual exercise to injure their right. Ordinarily which is desirable, becomes undesirable during the spiritual voyage.

9. Seclusion.

In all the religions there are two types of worship.

(i) Mass or Congregational (ii) Individual.

All religions require mandatory participation in mass worship because it is a means of propagation and creates zeal and zest among the followers. The scarcity of congregation tells upon further propagation, understanding and ardor for the religion.

So far as mortification of self is concerned, all the religions are unanimous that for concentration and meditation a complete seclusion, solitude and silence is a prerequisite. Zoraster remained confined at mount

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'Syalan' for ten years in complete solitude and succeeded in viewing 'The First Light'. Buddha while he was 29 years old, left his family, went to the jungles of 'Azveel' and as narrated in 'Lilit Daster', underwent austere exercises for six years or more in that solitude and at last saw the 'Divine Light'. Manes, the founder of the Manichean sect, went out of Taghoon city, secluded himself for twelve years at the bank of river Tigress and as written in 'Shapoorgan' succeeded in seeing the 'First Light'.

Jesus Christ underwent exercises in solitude between the age of 13 and 30 years. The place is still unknown to his biographers. As told in many books, Moses reserved himself for asceticism during his ten years stay at Medina. Later on he secluded himself for 40 days in a cave also. It has been told by all his biographers that the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) used to isolate himself in Hira cave for 40 days every year living only upon barley flour. In short, in all the revealed religions, solitude or seclusion plays a vital role in having a view of the 'First Light'.

10. Consignation.

Consignation or commitment is also a ladder for spiritual ascension. It is to commit oneself to the will of the Lord of all lords. It is to bear all grieves, sorrows pains and troubles with a smiling face. All the distresses should be accepted readily, as a boon from the Divine Beloved. It also includes that we should do good deeds and should not aspire for immediate good results. All religions consider this factor a 'must' for spiritual exaltation.

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11. Weeping at dawn.

The importance of weeping at dawn has been underlined by all religions. This is to be done at least two hours or so before the sunrise. One should weep over his shortcomings and sins. Such a lamentation wipes out all the rust of sins on the soul. Early in the morning one becomes in communion with the Divine Beloved. When we are reminded of boundless bounties of the Lord of all lords and our thanklessness, rebellious attitude and countless sins, the eyes start sprinkling tears and our soul feels reconditioned. It is a prerequisite to weep before praying. Weeping has been termed as the 'chief of the etiquette'. Its utility becomes manifold in the morning. The spirituals, after realizing the importance of 'weeping' are of the opinion that to laugh frequently or to burst into laughter is an evil deed. Although the modern society is tending towards 'Laughing Clubs' but the followers of the revealed religions consider it against spiritualism.

12. Praying With Patience:

Prayer with patience has been considered as the easiest and most beneficial means after concentration among all means of spiritual advancement. It means to pray and patiently wait for the result. It is not good to be hasty. If the prayer is not accepted one should not give it up in despair. This is patience. All the religions have declared prayer as the essence of worship. One should pray as if no human being can settle ones problems. It is Almighty God with whom is the solution.

Prayer is the basic worship in Christianity. Even Jewism, Buddhism, Jainism, Zorasterism and Hinduism consider prayer as a fundamental part of worship. In Islam, the word for ritual worship is 'salat' which means to pray. God has said in Quran,

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"If you don't supplicate (ask for needs), Lord doesn't need you". (1)

Virtues of praying have been recounted in many Islamic books. There are many books in all religions which are overflowing with specified prayers.

These are the twelve principles for the exaltation of the soul, which are common among all the revealed religions. The point to stress here is that all the said exercises are to be observed with perseverance and perpetuity and every exercise is to be taken without stop. Any interval or gap can destroy all.

Whatever is to be done should be done continuously and punctually because perpetuity is bound to bear fruit. An example will elucidate it. We cannot drill a hole in a hard piece of stone with any quantity of water. But if the drops of water incessantly trickle on the same, they are bound to drill a hole in that piece of stone.

Perpetuity of an action, however small it may be, contains a big power and some day it takes to the intended goal.

I hope that I have proved fully that the ethics of all the religions is the same to the extent of 95%. The difference of 5% is not such a big difference, which should become a base for mutual bloodshed. The prevalent differences are not the differences in principle but are collateral and mostly based on misunderstanding. Some of the differences relate to procedure. Goal is the same, way is the same, only mode and conveyances vary. One is traveling by air, the other on foot, so there seems to be no need for mutual

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(*) For detail see my book 'Irfan.e.Nafs' viz "The Recognition of self".

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fight. Suppose a father becomes displeased with his children. Every child will try to conciliate him by different style. One will try comically and the other will shed tears. Purpose of both is the same, only approaches vary. Then there is no room for any quarrel or fight. No one has the right to impose his style on other. Let him conciliate as he pleases.

One of the reasons for difference is different names. The names of our Holy Prophet vary in various languages e.g.

Mohammad (P.B.U.H.)
MoHammad (P.B.U.H.)
Mahamad (P.B.U.H.)
Mohamete (P.B.U.H.)
Mohmand (P.B.U.H.)
Mehmand (P.B.U.H.)
Mahmeet (P.B.U.H.) etc

It will be unjust to say that many names mean personalities. Similarly there are so many names of God Almighty, but the Entity is the same, attributes are the same. Will it be wise to fight over names?

Various prophets invoked the 'First Light' of God Almighty with different names.

Some said Aloh	Some Alwahim
Some said Alshudai	Some Yahoova
Some said Lord of Forces	Some Yazdan
Some said Ahorra Mazda	Some Birhama
Some said Wishnoo	Some King of paradise
Some said Baaleem	Some Shiv
Some said Kami	Some Teyen

So the names are a thousand but the Entity named is one. We are taking every name for different entity and then try to compare them with one another

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and thus fight to prove our chosen name to be the best of all.

I am of the view that since the entity is one, its invocation with sincerity will not go waste.

Abraham invoked by ' Alshudai' and got the answer.
Moses invoked by ' Alwaheem' and got the answer.
Jesus Christ invoked by ' Ailee' and got the answer.

I am writing this book for the present and future, therefore suggest to my reader to forget past which is full of fights. The religions of the past and their followers are gone by. They might have been requited for their good or bad deeds. This will not affect us. If they were bad and we approve them, we will also be punished. If they were good and we approve them, we shall receive nothing. We will be the losers both ways.

We should restrict ourselves to the present fellow men and first of all we should take stock of our own person. We should think out the ways and means by which each of us can become a 'good' man. We should give up all vices; at least those which have been commonly disapproved by all revealed religions. We should vow to practice those no more. Then we should put into practice the twelve principle exercises narrated before and thus gain a communion with 'First Light' who is a complete displayer of the Penultimate Light (God Almighty). If we succeed in achieving a contact with the Supreme Being all our ideological complexities will vanish.

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LEADERS OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS

The strongest reason for the religious differences is that we present our religion as divine and revealed and label the rest of religions as unrevealed and self-made. We give a high place to religious books and leaders but after making a research on the differential material in those books we declare their religion as imperfect and our own as quite faultless. We consider it impossible that any other religious leader will emerge after our own leader. Human mind is progressive and a spate of inventions is coming into existence. Every day is bringing new problems.

We consider that divine message stopped in the old past. The result is that the new religious leaders don't find their proper position and respect. It was due on our part to welcome every religious leader, but we opposed them.

Before Moses the Egyptians were of the view that no messenger of God was due to come. Due to this belief Moses could not get his due though he presented countless miracles and supernatural deeds.

When he passed away, the prophets coming after him faced the same situation because those who believed in a past prophet were not ready to accept the new one. Jesus Christ also met the same fate because Israelites were of the view that Divine guidance had ended with 'Habakkuk' and 'Jeremiah', whereas the Prophets, whom they believed in, had predicted about the coming Prophets and these predictions were very much with them. But still they firmly believed that no Prophet was to come. Every Prophet who came had similar teachings

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as the previous one had and he seconded the teachings of the foregoing Prophet as well. Since the Jews had stuck to their old belief, (No more Prophet was to come) their sages passed a verdict for the crucification of a Prophet of God (Jesus Christ). The masses strongly supported their verdict and Christ was brought to the Crucifix in place of a notorious dacoit named 'Barabbas'. Had there been flexibility in their belief for a coming Prophet, they would not have done this. Although the Jews and Christians had very strong differences but they were unanimous on the Point that no more Prophet was to come.

When the Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.) announced his Prophethood, he too had to face the difficulties which the preceding Prophets had undergone. The Muslims, Jews and Christians have not given any importance to the Arian and Mangole religious leaders, whereas their prophethood is proved from the revealed books. These books do not negate the possibility of sending Prophets to the other nations of the world. In Holy Quran there are so many verses which provide that every nation will have a Prophet or a Divine guide. But we are not ready to accept them as such. This fact also goes without opposition that the moral and spiritual teachings imported by these guides were the same which is a salient feature of Islam.

God created man and took his guidance on Himself as a duty. Whenever man went astray some or the other Divine guide was sent to him. This fact is proved from various Quranic verses.
Lord says:

'Verily we deputed a messenger for every nation'.

Al-Nahal.

'Necessarily there is a messenger for every nation '.

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'No nation is without a Warner '.

God has made it compulsory that every Divine guide should speak the language of the people on whom he is deputed. The book he brings must be in the same language. Lord says,

'We have sent no messenger except he should explain in the language of his nations '.

AL-IBRAHIM.

After going through the preceding Verses of Quran, it is proved beyond every doubt that no nation in the past remained without a Divine guide. Every age and nation had its own guide.

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HOW MAM CAME ON THE EARTH

There are so many answers to this question. I present only two theories. The first is that as a result of the great deluge in Noah's time, all humanity perished. All human beings present on the earth now are the offspring of Noah's three sons: Sam, Ham and Yafis.

Sam is the father of white coloured races;

Ham is the father of Black coloured races; and Yafis is the father of Yellow coloured races: Chinese, Korians and Japanese.

The other theory says that in the Deluge of Noah's time only Iraqians had drowned. Meaning thereby that only those perished on whom Noah was deputed. It is not correct to suppose that the whole of humanity had been wiped out.

The point of time which is given by the Bible for the said episode is approximately 2144 B.C. The past remains of that period negate the fact that the deluge covered the whole earth.

The latest research has revealed that the time of Deluge (1) is 50,000 B.C. and that it was confined only to Iraq.It has also come to light that flood level was 25 Feet. This stands proved too that in the far past the human races had spread from Europe to Sweden and from Iraq to Far East (China).

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(1) It is worth mentioning that the Genealogical Tables which are prevalent are not authentic. The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) has directed,

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Now I again come to the promise of Almighty God made to various nations that Divine guidance will continue. God Almighty has said in Holy Quran that no nation remained without a Divine Guide. No set of people was there to whom a prophet was not sent. It can be said in the light of the said Quranic provision that all the religions present with their revealed books, are not the creation of any human mind but were brought by the Divine Guides from God Almighty. It may be semantic religious books like Old and New Testaments and other scriptures or Arian books like Geeta, Pran, Ramain or Mahabharat, Avesta and Gatha or Jain or Buddh religious books, in fact all have been revealed by God Almighty.

The fact is that man is evil by nature. Therefore, he is inclined to evil and instead of changing himself; he always changed and distorted the Divine Message.

Genealogists trace the lineage of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) up to Adam. Such as Imam Sakhavi, Ibn-e-Jurair and Ibn-e-Ishaq and Shia and Sunni books are following them in this regard. Modern research has proved that the preceding Tradition of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) is quite correct. The genealogical tables given in the Old Testament are wrong and those of Matthew and Luke are also wrong. There are very convincing proofs of this fact, available.

The genealogical Tables available in the said books show individually the age etc. In the light of these, the advent of Adam's creation or arrival on the earth falls in 3800 B.C. Noah's year of birth is 2744 B.C. Hud's year of birth is 2077 B.C. Abraham's year of birth is 1852 B.C. (Some have told his birth in 2200 B.C. which is not correct.) Ismaeel's year of birth is1767 B.C. Isaac's year of birth is 1752 B.C. Jacob's year of birth is 1692 B.C.

In the light of different versions 14 ancestors intervene from Abraham to David. David's year of birth, as given in the book is 1050 B.C. and that of Uzair is 580 B.C. when we test these dates in the light of the modern research, the same do not tally. The civilization traced in Indo-Pak

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It is pertinent to repeat that the unreliable matter existing in the revealed books is the human distortion of the original texts. Some scriptures have been distorted to the extent of words and construction, and others with regard to their explanations and interpretations which are far removed from the real intention of the message. Specific books have been written about such distortions in the Testaments and Holy Quran. Such as: “Tragedy of Quran”. We are not concerned with the fact whether or not the revealed books were subjected to corruption but we see that a positive answer is available in these books to the question that despite the distortion do these books help a man in becoming a good man ?

There is no difference about the oneness of 'God Almighty' among these books. The opposing portions are no more than insertions and distortions. The obligatory

date back even to 7,000 B.C. Some of the stamps found out from Mohanjodaro belong to 2500 B.C. and still others to 4000 B.C.

The point of time fixed for the Sind valley civilization, is 4800 B.C., by modern research. Where as the Genealogical tables show the arrival of Adam in 3800 B.C. This means that one thousand years before Adam there were big cities of civilized nations existing in Sind. The research about Ood tribe has proved that this tribe entered Indo-pak in 4500 B.C. via western bank of Persian Gulf and spread to Rajputana. The irresistible conclusion we reach at is that the creation of Adam took place 700 years later than the Ood tribe entered Indo-Pak subcontinent. Such scientific proofs strike hard at the credibility of the said -bles. The safest way therefore is that we should trust in the preceding quoted Tradition of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) and should not take Tables as correct beyond Adnan. The lineage of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) is as under:

1.Muhammad (P.B.U.H.) (2) Abdullah (3) Abdul Muttalib (4) Hashim (5) Abd-e-Munaf (6) Qusay (7) Kilab (8) Murra (9) Lovee (10) Ghalib (11) Fahir (12) Malik (13) Nasar (14) Kinana (15) Khuzaima (16) Mudrika (17) Ilyas (18) Maaz (19) Nazar (20) Maad (21) Adnanu sua aj.

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nature of the do’s and don’ts of 'God Almighty' is proved from every book. It is also obligatory to believe in the Divine Guide. The difference is distortive. The moral principles are concurrent in all the books. Every book clearly predicts about a coming guide. The difference is distortive. The last and not the least, every book stresses the arrival of a great guide in the last age who will emerge when injustice will be at the peak and he will take the world to the peak of ideal justice. This guide has various names in various books. Where an attempt has been made in these books, to conceal this fact with divergent interpretations, the material is distorted.

The principles laid down for the attainment of spiritual exaltation are also common. So after so many common factors the differences do not seem justified. In any revealed book (even after a large amount of distortion), falsehood, murder, decoity, fraud and cruelty have not been approved or appreciated. The importance of concentration, oneness of ' God Almighty', requital of good and bad deeds, life after death and the Day of Judgments is the same without even a slightest change in all the revealed books. All the principles annunciated by Islam are present in all other religious books in total similarity. The difference about Prophet-hood is distortive because in Old and New Testaments the arrival of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) has been clearly predicted. These predictions are very much there in Hindu books as well as in Mahatma Buddha, Sawami Mahabir and Jain books; only with an attempt to conceal the same with uncalled for interpretation.

The most important similarity is that as in Islam, the arrival of a Divine Guide in the last age is provided. All the other living religions contain the same concept. This is the common feature which forces us to think that

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the Intellect behind all these religions is the same i.e. God Almighty. Since all the religions originate from the same source, there can be no contradiction in them. I would like to say to those who try to whip the prejudices among the nations of the world, that all the religions have prophesied with one accord, the emergence of the last Greatest Guide and a perfect Representative of the 'First Light' in the last age.

Is it not possible that we should forget our past and should not take to task the people of this age, in place of the by gone persons? Should we not collectively wait for the last Divine Guide, who will unite all the religions and make the whole world a family?

The Holy Quran has laid a golden principle about the past that do not worry about the past people.

"Those are a people who have passed away. Theirs is that which they earned, and yours is that which ye earn. And Ye will not be asked of what they used to do."

AL-BAQARAH (The Cow -134)

So, instead of criticizing the scriptures, we should think in the present times, about our future. We should completely avoid all the vices and sins and try to have a close contact with the 'First Light' through pure worship. We should attempt to purify our own soul through concentration and meditation. We should pray to Almighty to bring that blessed period soon when we will be able to have a complete view of the 'First Light' and see his 'Perfect Representative' on the seat of Justice to implement the will of Almighty among the vicious people, as it is carried out in heavens. May this golden period of peace and tranquility come soon.

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It is not sure that the coming Divine Guide will name his code of ethics as Islam or something else. If we begin to guess that what religion will be brought by the coming Guide, it will give birth to an endless strife. What we need to think is that every order of that Guide will be the order of God Almighty. His religion will be the rightist religion. His obedience will be the obedience of Lord. Only his religion will prevail. All other religions will perish. All virtuous men (they may belong to any religion or creed) will find refuge with him and all the vicious men (they may belong to any religion or creed) will be handed over to Divine chastisement. It is only he, whose reign will be the reign of peace and prosperity.

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THE ONE PROMISED BY PROPHETS

All the guides for humanity told about the Divine Guides to come after them. Their predictions contained the signs and symptoms to this effect as was done by 'Jeremiah' and 'Isaiah' about the Jesus Christ.

The Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.) did not tell about any forthcoming Prophet. He, instead, declared that no prophet will succeed him. We therefore believe in the end of Prophet-hood. With this declaration he did not declare the end of saint-hood or the Divine guidance but predicted the arrival of the Great Divine Guide who will come in the last age. This fact is proved from Holy Quran and a big lot of authentic Traditions bears upon it. It is further told that the said guide will fill the earth with justice, in the way it was previously full of injustice and tyranny. All the inhabitants of the earth and the heaven will be pleased with his arrival and human intellect will become perfect to the ideal extent.

Similarly in all the revealed religions the arrival of the Greatest Divine Guide has been promised. The signs and symptoms, preceding his arrival, have also been told along with the specialties of that Guide. The reforms to be introduced by him have also been pointed out. We have been ordered to wait for him, to pray for him and to assist him if we find his time.

The real motive behind this book is the said pious personality. I think it is best that all the nations of the world, instead of going into details about his person, peculiarities or religion, should make a combined prayer that God Almighty should send him soon. When he appears, we ought to obey and assist him. All strive and quarrels will end by his arrival. We, therefore, should

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postpone our scuffles till his arrival and mend our conduct and character according to our conscience and heavenly dictates. We should try to adorn our morality. Every one should try to become a 'good' man according to his belief and should pray for the quick arrival of the 'One Promised by Prophets', so that the world may become a cradle of peace.

In every age every prophet used to predict about a big Prophet among the coming Prophets and particularly about the one who was likely to face the hardest opposition. When we analyze the history of religions, we find that the victims of the severest criticism and opposition were only those Prophets who brought the Divine Statute. We see that in Samnite Prophets from Adam to Abraham there appears to be no strife. From Abraham to Moses there is a chain of worldly disputes and collisions between the Divine and devised religions but this is not the case among the revealed religions.

All the Prophets, even before Abraham, predicted the arrival of an International Leader and side-by side told about the appointment of selected Prophets. The confusion arose from the point that followers of the predicting prophets assimilated the qualities of the International Leader and the forthcoming Prophets and thus confused two different personalities as one. This was the main cause that every Divine Guide had to face opposition. For example, it was well-known among the masses that sons of Israel will be subjected to tyranny and a Deliverer (Moses) will come. It was the first prediction.

Another prophecy was that in the last age total humanity will undergo cruelty and barbarism and a Universal Leader will arrange their deliverance. His

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reign will be a reign of perfect peace. The earth will unveil all the treasures therein etc. etc. Both the prophecies were mingled and the people demanded all the qualities of both from one Prophet. Since it was not possible, eventually their Prophet-hood was called to question.

The concept of the International Leader in the last age was current among the Pharaoh of Egypt [(1)]. The norm for his recognition was:

i) He will be a repository of heavenly and earthly powers;
ii) That he will make everybody rich with silver and gold.

Mr. David translated the predictions written on the walls of Pyramids. The date of Christ's birth was written as 4th of April, which has been accepted as correct by modern research. The year of Holy Prophet's appearance was also found written there. It was also written there that in the last age, the human race would be wiped out with deadly weapons and gunpowder. Only a little number of men will remain on the globe. Then a new era will start which will be headed by a Spiritual Leader. In the said book, the reason for mummification of the dead bodies of Pharaohs has been also told. In their view, the last Spiritual Leader will restore to life all the dead persons and bring them under his rule.

They thought that until body does not perish, the

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(1) I read an Article in science Digest in 1993 which contained information about Pyramids of Egypt and the Egyptian mythology. It told that in 1920 the writings on the Pyramids were deciphered. In 1927 Dr. David Davidson wrote a book called "The Great Pyramids and its Divine Message."

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spirit accompanies it. If the body perishes, the soul also vanishes. They believed that if their body remains intact, the coming Spiritual Leader would put the soul in the genuine body and with that original body and soul they would be able to enjoy the pleasures of the golden age. Therefore the Pharaoh got dead bodies of their family mummified and till date forty Pyramids are in hand. The year of their construction is 2690 B.C.

This shows that Pharaoh Remises and his predecessors believed in life after death and also in the arrival of the last Universal Leader.

With these two standards, the Pharaoh tried to falsify Moses. All his miracles were taken to be magic and said as quoted in Holy Quran.

"I am surely better than this fellow, who is despicable, and can hardly make his (meaning) plain! Why, then, have armlets of gold not been set upon him, or angels sent along with him? "
Al-Zukhruf (52-53)

It means that these were two big proofs that Moses lacked. That is why they falsified his Prophet-hood. The fact was that they mingled the symptoms of a prophet and the Leader of the last age. The fact is that in all the revealed books the signs of the both have been given separately. The Old Testament says:

" If a Prophet arises among you or dreamer of dreams and gives you a sign or a wonder and sign or wonder which he tells you comes to pass and if he says let us go after other gods which you have not known and let us serve them, you shall not listen to the words

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of that Prophet or that dreamer of dreams for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether or not you love your God with heart and soul."

Towards the close of this chapter, it has been said,

"That prophet or dreamer should be beheaded because he instigated to rebel against Lord God."
Deuteronomy Chapter 13 (1-5 Verses)

It becomes clear from the preceding lines that there were many prophets to come in future. The proof for their prophethood was not any prophesying or showing miracles but to follow them only if they preached to worship only one God. If someone preached the worship of idols etc. in addition to God, he was to be taken as a self-made prophet or an imposter. Therefore such a one deserved beheading.

The people of the following age forgot the above test and remembered only the 'Angels and treasures.' When the sons of Israel saw a cloud, (a manifestation of the grandeur of Lord) casting its shadow over their heads, they included this condition too among other tests viz., the future prophet will be accompanied with Angels and treasures and will be riding a cloud. These three signs became an unfailing test and every prophet of God was required to show these three things. The answer being negative, he was declared fit for beheading.

Actually the real test of a prophet was that he should preach oneness of God should know the occult and should work miracles. The other three qualities were peculiar to the Universal Leader coming in the last age. So these six specialties were combined intentionally or due to misunderstanding.

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As the arrival of other prophet was told beforehand, quite similarly the arrival of the Chief Prophet (P.B.U.H.) was also predicted successively. The same was the case with Christ. The people of every age considered their age as the last age and took every prophet to be the last prophet and combined the signs of the prophets and the last Universal Leader and under a continuous misconception, tried to find out the same in a single personality. For example Jacob told about a 'coming one':

"The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be".
Genesis Chapter 49 (10 Verse)

It was told about the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel and Judah's race was being given a gold tiding. Similarly Moses predicted about so many prophets and also predicted the arrival of the Chief of the Prophets (P.B.U.H.):

"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me, unto him Ye shall hearken. According to all that thou desiredst of Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, let me not hear again the voice of Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I did not. And the Lord said unto me, they have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which

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shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thin heart, how shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?

When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously; thou shalt not be afraid of him."
Deuteronomy chapter 18 (15-22)

The preceding quotation clearly shows that (in Old Testament) it has been mentioned that:

(i) The prophet alluded to, will be similar to Moses.
(ii) He will not speak at his own will but the words of God will be put in his mouth and he will order accordingly and
iii) He will descend from the brothers of Israel viz. Instead of hailing from Isaac family, he will hail from Ismaeel's family.

While announcing the arrival of other prophets, it was said that whatever a real prophet says, comes to pass and that he will call for the worship of only one God and none else. In quite the same way the Holy Quran certifies the general set of prophets (from the sons of Israel):

"We made a covenant of old with the Children of Israel and We sent unto them messengers."
Al-Maidah (The Table Spread -70)

The Holy Quran attested that according to the covenant many prophets were sent to them. But the

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prediction as made in the case of Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.) was not made for any other prophet. The promise was realized when Holy Quran announced in surah Muzzammil:

"Lo! We have sent unto you a messenger as witness against you, even as We sent unto pharaoh a messenger"

Muzzammil (The Enshrouded One - 15)

The second sign was that 'this' prophet will say nothing at his will, but Lord will put His words in his mouth and he will convey the same to his people.

Holy Quran again bears upon it. It is said in surah An-Najm

"Nor doth he (the Prophet) speak of (his own) desire; but at the behest of Lord through revelation."

(3) The third sign of this miraculous entity was that whatever he says will prove true.

Quite like other prophets Moses also gave a tiding about the Pious Entity which was to emerge in the last age and in whose reign the whole human race will embrace only one religion.

The Old Testament says:

"And this is the blessing, where with Moses blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said, The Lord. The Lord came from Sinai and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran; and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them."

Deuteronomy Chapter 33(1-2)

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This 'fiery Law' has not come into existence so far because had it appeared, only one religion would have remained. This is proved from all the revealed books that the people demanded the signs of Universal Leader from the prophets. The predictions about the following well-known personalities were already present:

1- The Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H).
2- Masih [(1)]
3- Eliah
4- Some other Prophets
5- The anti-religion persons such as Dajjal, Yajooj Majooj, tyrant kings, false prophets and false Masih etc.

On the same matter (faeel) if it is used as object, it means, wiped bathed anointed "
The epithets as subject will only be held by the leader to come in the last stage.

There are many predictions about the former three personalities. The Gospel according to St. John says:

"And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him who art thou?
And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
And they asked him, what then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not. Art thou that prophet?
And he answered, No."

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(1) Masih at the meter of Arabic word Faeel. Masih is a subject and means one who gives a bath to, one who gives blessing, one who uncovers his sword, one who removes ills of body and soul, an extensive traveller, one who wipes the tears and very handsome.

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St. John chapter 1 (19-21)

" And they asked him, and said unto him why baptizes thou them, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that Prophet ? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom Ye know not;

He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoes latchet I am not worthy to unloose."

St. John chapter 1 (25-27)

The fact becomes clear here, that in the preceding event of John (Yahya), four pious personalities have been mentioned:

1- Elia (Elia will be introduced and discussed in coming chapters).
2- That Prophet (he has not been named out because all know him).
3- Masih
4- One whose name has not been told. His specialties and qualities have been mentioned, viz Christ.

Up to the time of Christ all Israelites and Jews used to discuss various qualities in general of the aforementioned personages without particularizing each one of them. That is why the Christ had to face countless hardships. When he worked miracles, the majority of the public took him to be the 'Universal Leader' who was to come in the last age. This misconception forced John (Yahya) to enquire from Christ:

"Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said

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unto him; Art thou he that should come or do we look for another?
Jesus answered and said unto them, go and shew John again those things which Ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.
And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." (Who is not lead to any misconception).
Matthew chapter 11 (2-6)

In the same book chapter 16 the verses 13 and 14 say:

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, whom do men say that I the son of man am?

And they said some say that thou art John the Baptist: Some, Elias; and other Jeremias or one of the Prophets."

In that period none was considered more respectable than John (Yahya). The people believed him to be alive even after his martyrdom. Some others loved the scriptures of Jeremias. It was due to the fact that most of the prophets had predicted their recurrence or reappearance. (This will be discussed in coming chapters). This was why that those who loved Jeremiah took Jesus for him. Some others were waiting for Elia and some awaited the arrival of the Great Universal Leader who was to come in the last age. The majority therefore, took Jesus to be the same leader. (The qualities of the Great Leader being so widely known.)

In Bible there is a dialogue of Jesus with a woman:

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"The woman said unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things."
St. John chapter 4 (25)

Similarly when Christ showed his famous miracle at the lake of Teberias, the people present there, expressed their view in the following words:

"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world."
St. John chapter 6 (14)

Similarly at an other place in the book of St. John it has been told:

"But lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?
How be it we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is."
Chapter 7 (26-27)

"And many of the people believed on him, and said, when Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done."
St. John Chapter 7 (31)

All the Jews believed that in the last age Masih of world is to come. They were of the view that he will be the king of Jews. Therefore, they expressed these views repeatedly at the time of Christ's trial.
For example when Jesus was walking in the porch of Solomon's Temple at the time of the feast of the dedication, the Jews gathered around him and said,

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" How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ tell us plainly."
St. John Chapter 10 (24)

In the book referred to above there is a saying of a woman named 'Martha'.

"She said unto him, yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."
Chapter 11 (27)

But the specialties of the Masih of the world which were well known, were not traceable in Christ. Therefore the Jews had to proceed against Christ. The said specialities were demanded by the disciples of Christ themselves. For instance, when Jesus foretold the time of his crucification, the people were wonderstruck. They started to put questions and asked:

"We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth forever: and how sayest thou. The son of man must be lifted up. Who is this son of man?"
St. John chapter 12 (34)

This was because that the idea of Masih of the world which prevailed in religions of the by-gone prophets was, that he will rule forever with pomp and show with an unending life and that he will take revenge and destroy the nonbelievers and oppressors. This was the reason that Yahoda, who was one of the twelve disciples of the Christ, when could not find the said specialties in the Christ, refused to believe even in God. This happened because in his mind the idea of the Masih of the world was one of a grand king, a just ruler, and a

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revenger from the wicked and with an unending life. But in the preachings of Christ forgiveness was given prime importance and it was directed that if some one slaps you on one cheek, present the other one to him. He continued to wait the emergence of that king who will seek vengeance but when he became disappointed, he himself got the Christ arrested for a few coins. After his arrest he became remorseful. He thought that although Christ may not be Masih of the world he was a personality of an ideal character. But it was too late.

Even after his arrest the Jews and the people of Jerusalem continued to mention the promised Masih. One specialty of the Masih of the world was that he knew every hidden thing. When Christ was arrested the Jew soldiers made a fun of Christ with special reference to this specialty. The book of St. Luke provides,

"And the men that held Jesus mocked him and smote him. And when they had blind folded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?"
Chapter 22(63 64)

One of the specialties of Masih of the world was that his rule was to last for ever. This very attribute was attached to Christ as an allegation because people used to say him ' Masih' and Masih was to be the sole ruler of the whole world.

Therefore, they accused Christ that he labeled himself as the king of Jews. On the crucifix the charge sheet which was suspended to his neck contained the same allegation:

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"And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew- THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

St. Luke chapter 23 (38)

When Christ was brought before Pilot, the Jew Chiefs leveled the same allegation:

"And they began to accuse him, saying, we found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding giving tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a king."

St. Luke chapter 23 (2)

The title of Masih was equalized to the kingship of Israel. The end was that Jesus was ordered to be crucified in lieu of a notorious robber, Barabbas. Two other persons, who also were robbers, were crucified along with Jesus. One of them, while he was on crucifix, referred to the idea of Promised Masih. Because the Masih to come in the last age was known to take revenge from tyrants and no one will be able to overpower him. Referring to this very quality one of the crucified robber pinchingly said to Jesus "Are you Masih? If you are Masih then save yourself and us."

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, if thou be Christ, save thyself and us."

St. Luke 23 (39)

The passersby made the same pinching remarks and said "O Christ, O king of Israel release yourself from the crucifix." After going through all the preceding quotations, we can easily infer that how deep-rooted was the concept of the Masih of the world among Jews?

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All the sons of Israel and believers of Abraham firmly believed that in the last age the king of Israel will come. His government will last forever, all the powers of the earth and the sky will be accompanying him, He will be riding the clouds, He will rise with a sword in hand and will destroy the tyrants and will seek the revenge of the oppressed. Only one religion will sway the whole world, the earth will become a symbol of peace and no one will be able to oppress anyone at all. As the concept of the reformer of the last age was present in Jews, Jesus also mentioned this pious personality during his preaching and prophesied his arrival along with his own. As he foretold about the arrival of a Universal Leader, similarly he foretold about the arrival of the Prophet of Islam. I consider it necessary to mention it briefly. When Jesus told the people that he was going to quit the world, he told about the arrival of a great Prophet after him also:

" Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father, for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass that when it comes to pass, Ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me."

St. John chapter 14 (28-30)

" But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."

St. John chapter 15 (26-27)

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"Never the less I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment."

St. John chapter 16 (7-8)

"How beat when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me."

St. John chapter 16 (13)

The preceding verses are generally interpreted to be about the Holy Ghost. Since the people who had no idea of any prophet coming in future, they intentionally referred the said verses to the Holy Ghost. But no body could deny the fact that after the Jesus up to the Holy Prophet of Islam, Holy Ghost neither visited any person nor any one was given the honour to be a prophet. No one has testified the purity of the Christ as was done by the Holy Prophet of Islam, (P.B.U.H.).

Similarly the Chastity of Virgin Mary was not so strongly proved by any one as proved by the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.). His specific sign which Moses told was that the coming great Prophet will not say anything of his own accord but he will say what God Almighty will order him to say. This sign is repeated in the Holy Quran also.

He does not speak any thing of his own accord until he is ordered by revelation.

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This is a vast subject and many books have been written on it. The reference to the same will not do any good except to add to the Volume of this book. I am being brief, simply because, in all the religions there are prophecies about many personalities to come in future. We are to restrict ourselves only to the last Great Emperor promised by many prophets. We have to identify him by his peculiar attributes and specialties and we ought to assist him.

In the past whenever a revealed religion collided with another revealed religion it was merely because of the fact that the specific attributes referred to above could not be understood correctly.

After the advent of Islam the Holy Prophet had to face the same difficulties which were faced by Moses and later on by Jesus Christ. Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) was subjected to the same objections which had been raised in the past. It is a hard fact that Israelites were waiting for Moses and the Pharaohs of Egypt were also waiting for him, but when he came, due to confusion in the signs and specialties they refused to accept him as a prophet. The true and pious followers of Moses had read the prophecies about Jesus Christ.
The prophet Isaiah had predicted:

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our god. Every valley shall be exalted."
Isaiah Chapter 40 (3-4)

"The Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name 'Immanuel'. Butter and honey shall he eat."
Chapter 7 (14-15)

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So despite the fact that the predictions existed, the confusion among the various attributes stood in the way of Christ to get him acknowledged. He could not gather around himself except a tiny number of followers. Those who had been praying for his arrival in the past were the foremost to raise objections when Christ came. Similarly the Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.) had to face the same hardships and difficulties. The Holy Quran refers to this very attitude and says:

" And when there cometh unto them a Book from God, confirming that in their possession though before that they were asking for a signal triumph over those who disbelieved--- and when there cometh unto them that which they know they disbelieve therein."
Al-Baqarah (The Cow - 89)

There was a concept prevalent among the Jews and Christians that God will come with angels, he will be riding the clouds and will administer justice etc. All these signs related to that pious personality who was to come in the last age. But they based their refusal on the same signs. Their thinking has been expressed in 'Sura Baqarah' in the following words:

"Wait they for naught else than that Allah should come unto them in the shadows of the clouds with the angels? Then the case would be already judged."
(The Cow -210).

These were the signs peculiar to the Great Leader of the last age and they demanded the same from the Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.). It was here that they started to defy. In Sura Anaam, similar approach of

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the Jews and Christians has been expressed and answered.

"Wait they, indeed, for nothing less than that the angels should come unto them, or thy Lord should come, or there should come one of the portents from thy Lord? In the day when one of the portents from thy Lord cometh, its belief availeth naught a soul which theretofore believed not, nor in its belief earned good (by works). Say: Wait ye! Lo! We (too) are waiting."
Al-Anam (Cattle - 159)

Their similar attitude has been expressed in 'Sura Nahal'

"Await they aught save that the angels should come unto them or thy Lord's command should come to pass?"
An-Nahal (The Bee - 33)

What I want to underline is that all the differences cropped up from the fact that people could not understand the signs and specialties of the last Great Leader. If every 'Ummah' had not taken their prophet as the last one and welcomed him in the light of the predications of the preceding prophet, mankind would have been saved from the destruction it has faced. We ought to take account of the errors and omissions of the past and should not try to repeat them. We should pave the way jointly for the coming pious personality. All his signs which exist in the holy books of all religions, should be collected and publicized so that when he comes he may get a ready platform for himself.

Every prophet has told about the specialties of the awaited Universal Leader and has pronounced his arrival with specific signs and has tried to terrify his

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believers of his sword, vengeance and administration of justice and has given the believers a good news of pleasant future, because the rule of this Great Emperor is actually the rule of God which will bring a great revolution providing permanent pleasure for the victimized, poor and oppressed. David, Jesus and other Prophets had imparted the same good news for the poor relating to his reign.

Commemoration of the Promised one:

All the prophets, in their own times, told the people around them the evils, violence and tyranny which was to take place in the last age. They also tried to terrify the masses from the justice and vengeance of the just avenger and thus they strived to bring them round to penitence. As the Judgment day was told by Holy Quran to be quite at hand so as to improve and embellish the human character, similarly every prophet in his time told their people that the arrival of the Universal Leader was quite at hand and that they should try to improve their character.

They frightened their 'believers' by telling them that the rule of that great Leader will be the rule of Lord and his government will be the 'Day of Lord'. For instance John declared:

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea. And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matthew chapter 3 (1-2)

He actually announced about the rule of the great Ruler of the last age. Most of the Christians think that he declared the arrival of Jesus where as Jesus himself made the prediction in the same words. This

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proves that the former prediction was not about Jesus but was the memorandum of the Great Universal Leader about whom all the prophets had foretold almost in similar words. Jesus started his preaching thus:

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
St. Matthew chapter 4 (17)

"Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."
Mark chapter 1 (14-15)

In the same manner it is in the book of St. Luke:

"And he said unto them, (who wanted to detain Jesus) I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore I am sent."
Chapter 4 (43)

The promised kingdom of God is to be in the last age because the period in which the said declaration was made up to the end of Jesus here, was one in which the tyrants were in predominance. This promise will stand fulfilled in the last age when Christ will come with real majesty and splendor.

The Prophet Isaiah, while telling about the emergence of this Heavenly Leader, has further elaborated the fact as to who is meant by the prophecies of the prophets. He says:

"The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the

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kingdom of nations gathered together, the Lord of the hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye: for the day of Lord is at hand: it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty."
Isaiah chapter 13 (4-6)

He further goes to clarify that the day of Heaven's kingdom or Rule of Lord will be a day of torture for tyrants and evil doers.

"Behold the day of Lord [(1)] cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land of desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners there out of it."
Isaiah chapter 13 (9)

It means that the concept of God's kingdom is a glad-tiding for the poor and oppressed on one hand and news of torture and punishment for the tyrants and evildoers on the other. It stands proved also from the Dreams of Micah that Rule of Heaven will be destruction for the rebels and a revenge for the tyrants.

" Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his Holy Temple. For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth." (Viz. He shall vanquish the rebels.)
Micah chapter 1 (2-3)

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(1) Those who understand the temperament of the scriptures they know that the word 'Lord' is not used for Almighty God everywhere. Sometimes it means: Master or owner. It is spoken in these meanings for Almighty

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" The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm and the clouds are the dust of his feet."

Nahum chapter 1 (3)

In a similar manner the prophet Amos told his people about the personality who is the commander of the Army of Angels:

"O Israel, thee, prepare to meet thy God."

Amos chapter 4 (12)

It is found in detail in the Psalms of David:

"The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

He shall call to the heavens from above and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge him-self. Selah"

Psalms No. 50 (1-6)

The context of the preceding verses shows clearly that the word 'God' therein does not denote God Almighty. He is omnipresent and therefore does not need coming and going anywhere. Physical eyes cannot see Him. Christ is also not meant by this word, because he didn't administer justice and revenge in his times. This all is to take place in the last age.

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The Old Testament -- Deuteronomy chapter 32, verse 35 says:

"To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand."

Holy Quran throws more light on this aspect of the matter while saying that the prophets had been directed to remind the people of the day when the Rule of God was to take prevalence and predominance. It is actually the Government of the personality promised by almost all the prophets. As in Tafseer Ayashi, while explaining the verse of sura 'Al-e-Imran', Abi Abdillah said to his companion Zararah " Since Adam up till now the reign of Devil and tyrants is prevalent, the rule of Lord will be when Great Leader will emerge.
(Tafseer Ayashi vol.1 page 199)

The day of Lord's Rule has been called the day of God Almighty. Verse of Sura Ibrahim says:

"We verily sent Moses with our revelations, saying; bring thy people forth from darkness unto light. And remind them of the days of God Almighty."
Abraham (5)

In Tafseer-Qummi it has been said that Imam Muhammad Baqir A.S (of Holy Prophet's family) has said that the days of God Almighty are three.
(1).The day on which the Last Great Leader will emerge;
(2).The day of death and
(3).The day of Resurrection (Judgment Day)

If we see minutely, all these days have a common shade of Meeting. Death is a man's meeting with his God. The day of Judgment is also a meeting

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with God. And the day of emergence of the Last Great Leader is also a meeting with God because his rule will be the Divine Rule. This is why that all the prophets gave the glad tidings to their people, of meeting the Lord God and also directed them to be always ready in a befitting manner for the same:

"O Israel .... Prepare to meet thy God."
Amos chapter 4 (12)

In "Surah Baqarah" God Almighty said:

"You should fear the Almighty and keep in mind that verily you are to meet him and give a good news to believers."
Al-Baqarah

While telling about the firm belief of the believers, in sura Baqarah the Almighty said:

"Those who were sure to meet God Almighty said that there are many small groups that vanquished the big groups."
Al-Baqarah

"They indeed are losers who deny their meeting with God."
Al-Anam 31

"So that, they may believe in the meeting with their Lord."
Al-Anam 155

"So that, you may be sure of meeting with God."
Ar-Raad

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"Those who expect meeting with God they should know that the hour of God is at hand."
Al-Ankabut

"Those who know that they will have to meet their Lord, and that unto Him they are returning"
Al-Baqarah (46)

The upshot of all this is that all the prophets gave a concept of heavenly rule in the last age. In many of their preachings they promised the establishment of the Government of God. They gave the glad tiding of a pleasant future to the believers and warned the wicked of a bad end. In Holy Quran there are many verses about the personality promised by the prophets. All the revealed religions coincide on the point that true justice and equity will be meted out in the reign of the Sovereign to arrive in future, and that he will totally banish the tyranny and oppression. There is no difference so far as the personality is concerned. The difference is restricted only to various names of that personality.

A question arises that why all the prophets in the past mentioned that Personality so frequently?

What was the need to mention that Leader of the World time and again?

There are so many answers to this question.

Answer 1
1. The first answer is that God Almighty has said in the Holy Quran:

"When Allah made (His) Covenant with the prophets, (He said): Behold that which I have given

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you of the Scripture and knowledge. And afterwards there will come unto you a Messenger, Confirming that which ye possess. Ye shall believe in him and Ye shall help Him. He said: Do you agree, and will ye take up My burden(Which I lay upon you) in this (matter)? They answered: We agree. He said: Then bear Ye witness. I will be a witness with you."

Al-e-Imran (81)

The prophets had thus avowed to help him, who was to come in the last age. The help can be of various kinds. Help by pen and tongue, help by money, help by person and help by manpower, etc. etc. The covenant referred above demanded that first of all help by tongue should be offered. The great personality to come should be introduced to people before hand so that all the believers of a prophet should be able to recognize him and to answer positively to the call of this last Universal Leader. Every prophet sincerely wished that he should help this Great Leader so that he might become a co-sharer in the establishment of Divine Rule. They intended that by helping the last Universal Leader with their tongues they will be able to fulfill the promise made by them on the day of Covenant [1]

Answer 2

Holy Quran provides

"And the earth shineth with the light of her Lord, and the book is set up, and the prophets and the witnesses are brought, and it is judged between them with truth, and they are not wronged."

Az-Zumar (69)

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(1): *For detail please see the book 'Irfan-e-Hujjat'*

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Mufazzal bin Amr tells the explanation of above verse from Imam Jafer Sadiq (A.S.) as follows:

When the establisher of Lord's Government comes, the earth will shine with the light of her Lord and people will not need the light of the sun."

All the prophets will be sent for in that reign. The famous martyrs of every age will also come and oppressors and oppressed of every Ummah will be brought and their cases will be decided on merit.

This was the reason that every prophet time and again made a mention of it so that his believers should prepare themselves and be not ashamed in the court of Lord. The resurrection of the prophets in the time of Lord's Government is proved from the Scriptures of various religions:

"And he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end... But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."
Daniel chapter-12 (9,13)

"And at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."
Daniel chapter 12(1-2)

In Holy Quran the word 'book' has been used and here too the word 'book' is there. Quran speaks about the just decision and here also the same has been said.

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"All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him."
Psalms No. 22(29)

"But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for Judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness. The Lord shall be a refuge for the oppressed."
psalms No.9 (7-9)

It means that all the strata of life will appear before the Heavenly prince to seek justice. Prophets, martyrs and tyrants -- all will be present in his court. When Christ was presented fruit of vine he said:

" But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, untill that day when I drink it new with you in my father's kingdom."
Matthew chapter 26 (29)

" Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you."
John chapter 14(28)

"For the son of man (Christ) shall come in the glory of his father with his angels and then he shall reward every man according to his works."
Matthew chapter 16-(27)

Similarly the other prophets also told about their return and Holy Quran also tells about their return. In sura 'Aal-e-Imran' it has been said about Christ:

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"Then you will come to me and I shall judge upon the matters in which you had been showing differences."

As told previously, sura-e-Zumur (The Troops) also says that the earth will shine with the light of her Lord and the prophets will be sent for and real justice will be administered. As detailed in sura-e-Nisa, God Almighty promised with Christ.

"There is not one of the people of the scripture but will believe in Him before his death, and on the day of Resurrection he will be a witness against them."

In Tafseer Qummi (p.146), Tafseer Safi (p.238) and Alburhan vol.1 (p.426) the following commandment is found:

"Verily Christ will come down to this world before the Day of Judgment. There will remain no Jew or Christian who will not believe in Him."

In sura-e-Sajda (The Prostration) it has been said:

"We verily gave Moses Scripture; so be not ye in doubt of his receiving it ; and we appointed it a guidance for the children of Israel."
As-Sajdah (The Prostration-23)

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THE PROMISE OF GOD

All those pious personalities who came in this world were first of all backed and supported by the poor and crushed persons and it were the rich, powerful and so-called religious monopolists who were the first to oppose them. The Right, at its start, has always been weak but it inheres the quality to survive and overshadow the wrong. The weakest ray of light has the capability of shaking the thickest clouds of darkness. The ill-luck of man through centuries has been that he blindly worships the old traditions and conventions and tries to defend his self-made institutions even at the risk of his life. This was the psychological flaw which was always exploited by the champions of wickedness.

A glance on the reign of Pharaoh Ramansis will show that he had gone to the extreme extent of tyranny and oppression. The sons of Israel were suffering the severest punishment. Their children were being murdered; the masses were compelled to work for nothing, day and night. The men and women were leading a more miserable life than that of the animals. A scholar of this crushed nation was directed by revelation that the whole nation should pray for their liberation. They prayed for forty days. All the men, women and children lamented for their liberation in congregation. God Almighty accepted their prayer and deputed Moses for their deliverance. The Bible says:

" And it came to pass in process of time that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning."
Exodus chapter 2 (23-24)

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God directed Moses while he was at the mount of Horeb as follows:

"Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Exodus chapter 3 (9-10)

The preceding revelation sent to Moses was because of the lamentation of Israel. Had they not done it, their deliverance would have been delayed. Moses was deputed for their deliverance and he showed so many miracles to Pharaoh, his relatives and his courtiers. The Israelites also witnessed the said miracles, but the love for Egyptian traditions always excited them to disobey the orders of God. They, time and again, asked Moses who was their deliverer "You did not do any good to take us out of Egypt. We were leading a good life there." They repeated this sentence continuously before being given 'Manna' and quails and also after getting the same, they used to talk like that to get their demands accepted. The Bible is full of their such like stupid dialogues.

It was simply their love for tradition that they always preferred the oppression of Pharaoh to the heavenly favours bestowed upon them. Their love for tradition took them to the extent that they started worshipping a calf and thus nullified the whole labour of Moses. There was also a group among them who understood the real preaching of Moses and practiced the same with sincerity. There were two groups in the Ummah of Moses, one of those loved right and the other comprised of the wicked and the hypocrites.

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God made different promises with these tow groups. The infidels and the hypocrites were promised that they would meet a bad end at a specific hour and the believers and pious (who were quite less in number, weak and oppressed) were promised prosperity and salvation. They were also told to become the rulers of the earth enjoying it for a long time. All the prophets of Israel continued to repeat the said promises to both the groups of the people to whom they were deputed. Every prophet gave glad tiding of a pleasant future to the pious, patient and the firm believers of their Ummah, and also advised them always to stand by truth. The prophets were cautious of the fact that the continuous rule of tyranny and infidelity may not dismay the believers; therefore they asked to endure all that with patience and courage and side by side told them that the promises of God will be fulfilled soon. They should not get despaired due to afflictions and trials.

The Christ during his time attested the old Testament and did not abrogate it. He ordered to put the same in practice sincerely. But the so called religious monopolists who were blinded by the love of their self-made traditions stood firmly against the worshippers of Right; with the result that the righteous persons were put to tyranny and were sent to prison. Their life, property and honour were not safe.

The righteous people have always to face four classes of persons;
(i) External enemies (ii) Internal enemies
(iii) External friends (iv) Internal friends

In every age internal friends fall a prey to tyranny and oppression. The external and internal foes are always after this class of people. The external friends remain neutral. In every age only these internal friends

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are oppressed and crushed; but against all the fearful odds they never depart from the right path. They always obey their spiritual leaders through thick and thin. The external foes try to wipe them off the face of the earth. The internal foes try to have a control over them and to achieve this control they play new tricks. Internally they employ all sorts of intrigues. They try to mislead the internal friends and by tricks force them to support them. They also try to get them killed by whipping the biases and other sorts of prejudices. If the chance affords, they try to conspire with the external enemies. The oppressed class remains the same viz. those who love the right sincerely and offer all sort of sacrifices for the same. They can be compared to a herd of sheep whose murderer is a wolf as well as the shepherd.

There are many who try to harm them. Some try to harm them financially, some economically, some get them murdered in the name of religion and others commit their political assassination. This class sustains all these oppressions with the single hope that time is not far off when there will be an eternal heavenly rule. The atrocities committed by the oppressors will meet their end. The eternal rule and the sway on earth will be delivered to the deprived class and all oppression meted out to them will be redeemed and they will have every pleasure available on the face of the earth. This is the divine promise which has been made with all the oppressed persons of all times: do not worry, try to lead the small span of this life somehow or the other. Then a time full of joys will come.

The same happened with the ummah of the Holy Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H). The same drama with the same characters is also visible here. The same internal and external foes are trying to harm the sincere people. The oppression, tyranny, imprisonment, murdering,

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looting, exiling of the poor; and have-nots with the same financial and political assassination continue. We see that the personality whose truthfulness was attested by the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) in the following words:

‘There is no truthful person under the sky more than Abuzar Ghaffari", but we see this person being whipped and exiled. The righteous persons form a single class in what ever religion they may be. They have no mutual dispute because the right is not changeable

There is no difference between the scientists of various religions and nations about the equations of chemistry. H2O undisputedly stands for water. No one will try to differ because it is a truth. Similarly, the reality of a true religion is never disputable. Various labels are not reality. We can identify the right by the following signs: The right is oppressed not oppressor, the right can be cheated but it cannot cheat, it can be teased but it can not tease. The righteous persons present sacrifices but do not demand the same for themselves. Righteous persons suffer the harms but do not harm anyone. Lord God has promised a pleasant future for this very class and those who are otherwise have been threatened with punishment, revenge and hell. In every age a similar set of promises continued to be extended which proves that the class to which it was extended is the same and their religion is one and the same. viz. the pleasure of God.

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PROMISES

A question arises as to what those promises are? For the answer to this question we refer to the revealed books. Every promise made by God Almighty is conditional. The fulfillment of the same is subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. It is laid down in the Bible:

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine."
Exodus chapter-19 (5)

The last promise with the sons of Israel is in the following words in the Holy Quran:

"And we caused the folk who were despised to inherit the eastern parts of the land and the western parts thereof which we had blessed. And the fair word of the Lord was fulfilled for the children of Israel because of their endurance."
Al-Araf (The Heights-137).

This promise has not been fulfilled so for but it will be fulfilled in the future. Similarly the promise of the control of earth was repeated by prophet Isaiah:

"Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation. I the Lord will hasten it in his time."
Isaiah chapter-60(21-22)

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The Holy Quran says: ***"Then we gave you once again your turn against them, and we aided you with wealth and children and made you more in soldiery."***

This verse of Quran has been explained in Tafseer-e-Ayashi and has been said that in the last age when there will be rule of the personality promised by the prophets, every person in that age will be given a very long life. The Chief of the believers (Hazrat Ali A.S) has said: "No one living in that age will quit the world unless he has seen his one thousand sons." This is the repetition of the promise contained in Old Testament. In Holy Quran also God has repeated the promise of Moses:

"And Moses said unto his people: Seek help in Allah and endure. Lo! The earth is Allah's. He giveth it for an inheritance to whom He will. And Lo! the sequel is for those who keep their duty (unto Him)."
Al-Araf (The Heights-127).

The Holy Quran renews the promise of God made to the pious and dutiful persons of all the religions. It has been said in various Tafseers,(explanatory books of the Holy Quran) that this promise will be fulfilled when the rule of the Last Heavenly leader will be established. It has been said in the book of Ezekiel:

"Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God: I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations there of from thence. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you: and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes."
Ezekiel chapter- 11(17-20)

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When we ponder over the promise of Lord, we find that like Bible and Quran this promise has been renewed in many books of various prophets. For example in Old Testament it is as follows:

"That then the Lord thy God will turn thy Captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine be driven out unto the utmost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee."
Deuteronomy chapter 30 (3-4)

This is the promise with the pious people that they will be assembled in the rule of the last Heavenly Leader. It has been further explained in the book of Isaiah:

"And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly. None shall be weary nor stumble among them: none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed nor the latchet of their shoes be broken."
Isaiah chapter 5 (26-27)

Some more details are available in chapter 13:

"The Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land."
(4-5)

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It means that those pious and righteous persons will themselves acquire the control of the earth. Instead of eating a dead prey they will hunt for themselves. It has been told in chapter 27:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel."
(12)

Similarly it has been told in the same book in chapter 49:

" Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders...and thou shalt know that I am the Lord : for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty?"
(22-23).

In the preceding verse, the word 'wait' requires attention because the sons of Israel were ordered to wait for the Lord of forces (The promised one by the prophets). This high stage can only be reached by waiting, dutifulness, and good deeds. We find in the book of prophet Jeremiah the same promise which relates to the last age and to the reign of the Last Heavenly Leader.

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no

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more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord. Behold the days come."
Jeremiah chapter 23 (3-4)

The prophet David also renewed the above promise with the sons of Israel. He said:

"What man is he that feareth the Lord ? Him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth."
Psalms No.25 (12-13)

In Holy Quran also, this promise has been made with the righteous persons;

"And verily we have written in the scripture, after the reminder: My righteous slaves will inherit the earth."
Al-Anbiya (The Prophets- (105)

While explaining the above Quranic verse it has been said in Tafseer-e-Qummi, and Tafseer-e-Safi, Majma-ul-Bian, Tubrasi and Al-Burhan that the righteous slaves are the companions of the Last Heavenly Leader who will inherit the earth.

The preceding references prove that God has made promise with the righteous persons of all the religions for rule of the earth. In the percentage we are trying to deprive all such persons due to the mutual detestation. The Muslims and Christians hate Jews strongly where as the fact is that those who will strictly follow the religion of Moses and will do good deeds will also inherit the earth. This prophecy is available in 'Shiah' and 'Sunni' books. The Holy Quran says:

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"And of Moses folk there is a community who lead with truth and establish justice therewith."
Al-Araf (The Heights 159)

It has been said in Tafseer Ayashi that Abu Abdullah said that when The Qaim of the Holy Prophet's family (The Last Great Leader) will appear from the back of Kaba, 27 Persons will present themselves before him. One will be the deputy of Moses, Yusha the son of Noon along with fifteen others from his group. Seven sleepers of the cave, one from the family of Pharaoh who believed in Moses and four persons from the companions of Hazrat Ali (A.S) namely Salman the Persian, Abu Dajjana Ansari and Malik-e-Ushter. It has been said in the famous books namely Isaaf-ur-Raghibeen and Muntakhub-ul-Asar that the Last Heavenly Leader will bring out the famous coffin of Sakina' from a cave of Antakia and the original edition of Old Testament from a mountain of Syria and will nullify all the excuses and arguments of the Jews. So a large number of them will acknowledge him as a Divine Leader and will offer their support. Some writers have given their number to the extent of 30000.

Explanation

In Muslim books it has been mentioned that a large number of Jews will embrace Islam. Along with this it has also been mentioned that a large number of Jews will support Dajjal and Sufiani who are committed enemies of Islam. Traditions say that Dajjal will be accompanied by young boys and girls. All of them, according to the Jewish religion, will be bastards.

This proves that all the Jews will not be pitched against Islam but only those who will be wicked, evil doers and bastards. This will not be peculiar to the

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Jews only. All the bastards, wicked, evildoers, cruel persons and bad characters of every religion will oppose the Right. Everyone who will be strictly following the dictates of his religion, saving himself from bad deeds amid requesting guidance from Almighty God will be a supporter of the Right. Such persons are very rare and their number in every religion has always been small. The supporters of the Right whenever form a group; they strictly ban the admission of bastards to their group. Prophet Moses passed a similar order in his time.

"A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord."
Deuteronomy chapter 23 (2)

It makes evident that the bastards in Dajjal's group although Jews, will not be having any concern with Moses group. Such wicked and bad people have been promised revenge and severe punishment. The following verses of Old Testament Support it.

“Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."
Exodus chapter 34 (7)

This means that God will make up the deficiency in good deeds. He will forgive the sins erroneously done but the criminals and the wicked will not be forgiven even to various generations.
"In the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them."
Exodus chapter 32 (34)

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"According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompenses to his enemies; to the Islands he will repay recompense."
Isaiah chapter 59 (18)

The prophet Isaiah told that he was deputed simply for the purpose of threatening the wicked and to satisfy the sad.

"To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God: to comfort all that mourn."
Isaiah chapter 61 (2)

Those who recite the Old Testament can easily view that at countless occasions the criminals have been threatened of vengeance and it has been proclaimed that on the peculiar day the wicked and bad persons will become the fuel of hell, will be put to sword etc. etc. So it becomes clear that the Jews who will oppose the Last Heavenly Leader will not be having any concern with the religion of Moses. The scriptures also show that in last age when the rule of the Last Heavenly Leader is established the religion will have a new name. The prophet Isaiah addresses the Jews and says:

" And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name."
Isaiah chapter 65 (12)

"And they shall call them; The holy people. The redeemed of the Lord."
Isaiah chapter 62 (12)

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It means that the present nomenclature will be totally abolished. The followers of Right will gather under a flag on which it will be written:

"Be Sold To God "

Meaning thereby that God has purchased the souls of his believers. All the books concerning the disappearance of the awaited Lord have written that the above sentence will be written on his war flag. It means that his group will have a new name.

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THE PERIOD OF DISAPPEARANCE

If we study all the living religions, we find that a particular period has been pointed out which we can term as the "“Dark Age”". The reason for the same is that the chain of revelation remained continuous right from Adam. We cannot connect it to that point without any solid proof, but if we look back up to Abraham's time the chain of Heavenly messages appears to be continuous and connected. We find pious persons in every religion having a connection with God Almighty. We find revelation and inspiration prevalent among the progeny of Ismail and Isaac. We see the descending angels, visions and apocalypses there, like a surging sea. With the progress of human mind new problems cropped up. To meet these problems we see their solution through the Heavenly guidance at every stage.

Lord's messages were being received at every step. There came prophet after prophet equipped with Heavenly guidance. The humanity remained closely connected with God. The people of any religion who took one prophet to be the last prophet lagged behind in the march of human advancement. It was the reason that thousands of the religions went out of scene because they could not keep pace with the advancement of human mind.

In the sons of Israel the religion remained as a living force for a pretty long time. The Israelites welcomed every Heavenly guide. Their religion did not come to a standstill as long as they welcomed the prophets. It is something else that the prophets from Moses up to Malachi could not receive complete obedience of people. In spite of this, people did not deny

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their prophethood. Although in a small number, every prophet found a group of obedient persons. If they were not admitted as prophets, they were treated as reformers of the religion of Abraham and Moses. Thus the concept of Heavenly connection and fresh Divine messages remained intact.

When the Jews supposed that the revelation had stopped after the prophet Malachi, the heavenly messages were also taken to have stopped. The man is so ill-tempered that he was not ready to accept guidance even in the presence of prophets; was it proper on the part of God to leave such a sinful creature without any proper guidance? Never at all. The Creator and creation cannot be disconnected. This was proved by Jesus Christ. The Jews were of the view that the heavenly guidance had ceased and no message was left with God that could lead humanity towards the stairs of evolution taking him to the highest steps. The result was that the growth of Jewism stopped. The people who were Jews through generations left their old religion and became Christians.

Later on, the same happened to Christianity. They also considered that the Divine message had stopped after Christ. They thought that connection between God and man was till the presence of prophets. The result here also was the same. Christianity became more popular than religions before Christ, because it was more advanced than the old ones. But after the advent of Islam it was proved that the link of guidance between God and man had not been disconnected.

As Islam was more advanced and progressive than the former religions and was suitable to the growing needs of advancing human mind, a majority of Jews and Christians and people of other religions accepted Islam.

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Thus the last religion became the second big religion of the world. Had there been no crusades and other prejudicial factors, Islam would have been the top religion of the world.

Even today, it is spreading, whereas other religions are shrinking. This shows that it will progress in future also. Unfortunately the same concept crept up in Islam that after the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) no message of guidance was there with God. The link of revelation, inspiration, true dreams and apocalypses was negated and thus man was once again disconnected with God.

With the lapse of 14 centuries after the Holy Prophet, the human mind has reached a high degree of evolution. Everyday is bringing new problems. Man is worried as to how to say prayers in the space? How to pray and fast at poles? With the new inventions coming into existence and the advancement of science, countless problems are being faced. In view of all these ticklish problems should we suppose that Divine guidance has stopped? If this be true, the man who is naturally vagrant, what will be his fate?

In the world of Islam there is a sect which has the concept that the God-made institution of Prophethood has been closed but after the last Prophet his twelve Deputies exist quite like the twelve Deputies of Moses and Christ. These Deputies have lasting connection with God. God is connected with his creatures through them. There is a Tradition of the Holy Prophet that had there been no representative of God on earth, the earth would have swallowed its inhabitants.

Now the question arises as to what is the "“Dark Age”"? It is an Age when the Lord God is displeased

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with mankind, He conceals His 'link' and men cannot see him anymore. This link delivers the new messages of God to men. It is called 'Hujjat'. God Almighty disconnects this link in wrath. Eventually the people remain misled

This is what happened with the people of Moses when they disobeyed God. The Hujjat of that time viz Moses was directed to quit Egypt and go to Median. The other prophets of Moses' period were directed to live silently. The sons of Israel remained groaning under the torture of Pharaoh. They had no way out at all. One of their scholars advised them to make a congregational penitence and to lament and weep before God. They did the same and right on that moment the Lord God directed Moses to go to Egypt and bring them out of the Pharaoh's clutches. When Moses reached Egypt he was seventy. This period, in which Moses remained away from the sons of Israel, is called 'Dark Age'. It means that Hujjat of God Almighty although remained present and had a direct link with God, yet his link with masses was no more. This period is called "“Dark Age”" or 'the period of disappearance'. It is astonishing that all the books of different religions, while talking about the last age tell us about a long “Dark Age”, with one accord.

It is told that tyranny and oppression will be at its peak in that age; and there will be a long dark period without a link with the divine guidance. The book of Micah says:

"Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all over their lips; for there is no answer of God"

Micah chapter 3 (6-7)

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Meaning to say that the light of guidance for mankind will be put out and darkness will prevail. This darkness was predicted by the Christ in the following words.

" Then Jesus said unto them, yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in the darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."
St. John Chapter 12(35 Vrs)

In the book of Jeremiah it has been said:

"Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken. Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness."
Jeremiah Chapter 13(15-16)

In the Holy Quran this fact has been described more lucidly:

"Or as darkness on a vast, abysmal sea. There coverth him a wave, above which is a wave, above which is a cloud. Layer upon layer of darkness. When he hloldeth out his hand he scarce can see it. And he for whom Allah hath not appointed light, for him there is no light."
Al Noor(Light-40)

Similarly in sura-e-Baqarah it has been said;

"Their likeness is as the likeness of one who kindleth fire, and when it sheddeth its light around him

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Allah taketh away their light and leaveth them in darkness, where they cannot see."
Al-Bakarah(The Cow -17)

These two verses of Quran point out a period when the Light of guidance will be concealed from mankind. In such a period the whole human race will not know where to go. While explaining the said verses it has been said that they refer to the "Dark Age" which is technically called "Ghaibat" or "disappearance".

Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S) has said:

"..."Dark Age" is sure in which there will be bewilderment, due to which many nations will be led astray"
Behar-ul-Anwar

Imam Muhammad Taqi (A.S) has said:

"In the times of the Last Divine Guide there will be a 'disappearance' which will prolong over centuries viz. the "Dark Age" will be very long. People will go on searching for the light of guidance in a way as the lost goats search for their shepherd. Even then they will not find it."

The book of Ezekiel says:

"Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest and counsel from the ancients."
Ezekiel Chapter 7(25-26)

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The Old Testament says:

"And when the Lord saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end shall be"
(Deuteronomy Chapter 32(19-20)

The hiding of the face actually means the disconnection of mankind with the Hujjat of God. This disconnection leads to bewilderment and perdition. This "“Dark Age”" has been described in the book of prophet Amos in the following words:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of Lord. And they shall wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst."?
Amos Chapter 8(11-13)

The water here means the heavenly guidance, which will not be available. The same thing has been said in the Holy Quran:

"Say: Have ye thought: if (all) your water were to disappear into the earth, who then could bring you gushing water?"
Almulk (The Soveregnty -30)

There are twenty Traditions from Holy Imams which explain the above verse. The disappearance of water has been taken as the disappearance of the Hujjat

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of God. This loss of Divine Guidance is due to the wickedness and bad deeds of mankind. These are the reasons of "“Dark Age”" which have been enumerated in the old Testament:

"Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us ? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought in that they are turned unto other gods. "

Deuteronomy Chapter 31(17-18)

When man indulges in wickedness and prefers to please men than to please God worships other gods instead of the real God and follows the self made guides instead of Divine guides, he invites the wrath of God. The wrath of God will visit him. And He will disconnect the men with His Hujjat. In such a state of affairs man will languish with spiritual thirst and will run after the mirage and will not be able to find the spring of elixir.

The Holy Imams have pointed out the reasons for this "“Dark Age”" which attests the statement of Moses. It has been said by the Holy Imams (A.S)

“When God is highly displeased with his disobedient persons, He conceals His 'Hujjat'. He knows that his obedient persons will not leave the right path even in the “Dark Age”. Had there been any doubt about the righteous persons that they would be led astray for a single second, God will not have concealed His 'Hujjat'."

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The reason for darkness is the displeasure of God due to the sins of mankind. It can be said that it is not possible that the whole human race might be ready to commit sins. There are people, although small in number, who always carryout the behest of God. It is against the justice of God to punish obedient and disobedient alike. It has been already explained that those who are dutiful to God, they will avail of the divine light even in the period of darkness. The prophet Isaiah has referred to this point when he said:

"And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner anymore, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it . When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

Isaiah Chapter 30(20-21)

It becomes clear that those who follow the right path will not face the danger of being led astray. They will be guided by unseen guide. The "“Dark Age”" is a period of test and trial. A large number of people will leave the right path.

This is what the Christ has said: ***" And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."***

St.Matthew Chapter 24(12-13)

This shows that the rebellion from religion will spread like an epidemic. The Traditions provide that followers of all the religions will quit their religions and love for the same will evaporate from their hearts. This is what is happening today. A large number of Traditions shows that this "“Dark Age”" is a test and trial. Ali, the

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son of Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S) says that "This ““Dark Age”” is a trial through which God will test the human race". It has also been explained as to who will stand the test and on what grounds?

"In the* ““Dark Age”” *no one will cling to his religion except those sincere persons whose souls will be full of faith and conviction and those from whom God might have taken a covenant of love for Prophet's Family. Faith would have been inscribed in their hearts and they would be helped by a Pure Spirit deputed by God."

In another Tradition it has been said, ***"No one will find salvation except one who has taken a vow from God Almighty and faith is inscribed in his heart or he is supported by a Holy Ghost."***

A question arises as to how we can achieve the support of Holy Ghost, or what are the means to this end?
The answer to this has been supplied by Jesus Christ.

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth and to him that knocketh it shall be opened If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will offer him a scorpion?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Luke Chapter 11(9-13)

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It means that during the period of bewilderment and perdition the only way to achieve the support of Holy Spirit and heavenly guidance is, to beg again and again as a son requests his father for provision of some necessities and when he weeps and cries, father is forced to meet his demands. Similarly one who begs weeping and lamenting from the Almighty, he receives the heavenly Guidance.

There are so many Traditions from Holy Imams which explain the above fact. A person named Ahmed son of Ishaque put a question to the Hujjat of his time; Who will get salvation during the "“Dark Age”"? The answer of the Holy Imam was that during this period of perdition only that soul will be saved whom God will support to remain in love with the family of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.) and will pray for immediate establishment of their rule.

When we see this age, we become sure that this is the "“Dark Age”" which has been underlined by all the leaders of different religions. This is the period in which the human race is totally cut off from its Creator and we do not hear any Divine voice and are deprived of His latest messages. We are trying to seek guidance from the books considering the same to be a source of inspiration.

The fact is that we cannot make a thing properly just by reading a book. The bread which we eat many times in a day cannot be baked properly in the first attempt without undergoing experiment and experience. It is impossible that we may assemble a computer after reading a book. There are books on every branch of science and technology, but we cannot understand them without a guide. This fact is more established when we

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read the explanatory books regarding Holy Quran and other scriptures.

Those who claim to have properly understood the revealed books introduced countless sects and creeds. The Right, which is uniform reality, is not visible in its true shape. Numberless problems are cropping up daily and various religions are being amended continuously. Faithlessness has gone to this extent that no Jew is true follower of Moses except a very few. No Christian is a real follower of Christ except very few and no Muslim is a correct follower of the Holy Prophet's (P.B.U.H.) religion for which he tolerated many hardships and his Family presented so many valuable sacrifices. This religion is also being followed in the real sense, by a tiny minority. Everywhere there is an open rebellion against religion. No ray of divine light is coming from the sky to the earth.

That pious religion which was based on the negation of sex and corporeal desires and in which it was ordered that only that person can achieve the goal who totally denies sex, simply to please God. The pioneers and followers of that very religion are teaching pornography to the world and are introducing lesbianism.

The Muslims who were ordered by God to adopt the ways of The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) are at the peak of every sin and wickedness and in spite of this they consider themselves to have achieved salvation.

The following predictions appear quite true for the percent age:

i. The love for religion will cool down.

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ii. The followers of every religion will become apostates.
iii. Has not the light of heavenly guidance been taken away?
iv. Is not the mankind groping in darkness of perdition?
v. Has the soothsaying and Prophethood not gone away?
vi. Have not the priests and the religious scholars receded from the commandments of religion?
vii. Are not the fortune tellers and religious persons being ashamed?
viii. Have not the seekers of vision and heavenly light died down?
ix. Has the Lord God not stopped to answer the requests made to him?
x. Has not Lord hidden his face from us?
xi. Have not the vision from the prophets and counsel from the old gone away?
xii. Has not God become angry due to our misdeeds?
xiii. Have not the sources of elixir been concealed?
xiv. Has not God disconnected Himself from mankind?

If all the preceding questions are correct, which are definitely correct, then is not the present age, the ““Dark Age”” which was pointed out by the Prophets? If really this is the ““Dark Age””, have we ever tried to think as to what should be our practice for being saved from an eternal ruin?

i. Have we ever tried to search out from the commandments of the Prophets the mode of life to be adopted in such circumstances?

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ii. Have we ever tried to find out our obligations, liabilities and duties pertaining to this age in the light of Prophet's, sayings?

ii. Are we mindful of the fact that we have not done what we ought to have done in this ""Dark Age""?

iv. Are we ashamed of our bad deeds?

v. Have we ever tried to make contact with God's Light of guidance whose name is "the One Promised by Prophets".

vi. Have we ever tried to realize the loss which the mankind is suffering due to non-availability of the 'Hujjat'?

If the answer to all the above questions is in negative how can we expect to have the positive results?

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THE "DARK AGE" AND THE MODE OF LIFE THEREIN

In the prophecies made in the past, about the "Dark Age", we had been informed of the dangers to be confronted. It was told by the Prophets that the "Dark Age" will unusually prolong and this length of time will be a test and trial. A Tradition says that the heavenly rule will come after a long time. The people will become stone hearted due to the length of time and world will become full of cruelty and oppression. After this, the rule of Justice will ensue. It has been said that the endless hopes and wishfulness will be the root cause of all the social evils during the "Dark Age".

When someone thinks that the establishment of divine rule is far off, his love for God cools down and he becomes lazy in penitence and character building. He puts off till tomorrow what he has to do today. That is why all the Divine guides have condemned the endless hopes and have directed that one should expect the establishment of heavenly rule at any moment.

If it is established, it will be the time of accountability and not of reforming ourselves. Jesus Christ has explained this fact with a beautiful example:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angles of heaven, but my father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also The coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until the day that Noe entered into the ark. And Knew not until

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the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of men be."

Matthew Chapter 24(35-39)

It means that the people will be quite unaware and the stipulated day will come. There is a Tradition from. Imam Zain-ul-Abideen (A.S) ***'' In our Qaim (A.S) there are signs of seven Prophets."*** There are more than 30 Traditions which are present in the books dealing with 'Ghaibat'. It has been clearly mentioned in those that the last age will be like the age of Noe. "Dark Age" will continue for a very long time. The people will gradually be so absorbed in worldly affairs that they will become unmindful of religion. Then suddenly the Divine Light will appear. This is why the Christ has said:

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the Goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his houses to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh."

Matthew Chapter 24(42-44)

Similarly in the book of Zechariah we find,

"But it shall be one day which shall be Known to the Lord. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

Zechariah Chapter 14(7 & 9)

Our books about 'Ghaibat' which are 3000 in number, each contains a separate chapter having a heading of "Prohibition of Fixing the Time." In this

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chapter all those Traditions are collected, which prohibit the fixation of time about the arrival of the Last 'Hujjat'. The Holy Prophet has said that the day of appearance of 'Hujjat' is like the Day of Judgment. There are so many Quranic verses which say that no one knows the hour of Judgment day.

"They ask thee of the (destined) Hour, when will it come to port. Say: Knowledge thereof is with my Lord only. He alone will manifest it at its proper time. It is heavy in the heavens and the earth. It cometh not to you save unawares. They question thee as if thou coldest be well informed thereof. Say Knowledge thereof is with Allah only, but most of mankind knows not."

Al-Araf (The Heights 187)

The Prophet David also said the same:

"The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let them return and be ashamed suddenly."

Psalms No. 6(9-10)

Meaning to say, all will happen within a twinkling of an eye. In the same book it has been said at another place:

"The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever."

Psalms No. 37(18)

Jesus Christ says:

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his house-hold, to

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give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, that he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his hearth, my lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
St. Matthew Chapter 24(45-51)

In Chapter 25 of the same book it has been said:

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." (13)

The upshot of the preceding brief discussion is that the first thing that we are required to do during the "Dark Age" is to consider that the arrival of Divine' Hujjat' at hand, as was directed by Jesus;

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
St Matthew Chapter4 (17)

Meaning to say that one who will consider this hour to be far off, will become careless. Therefore, every person should be ready in a way as the athletes taking part in 100 meters race wait for the whistle. If anyone of them is slack for 1/50 second, his slackness will deprive him of victory. This is the reason that in Holy Quran it has been told at eight places that one should not be

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careless of the destined day. This day will come suddenly, not giving a chance to set ourselves right. It has also been said that it will be of no use to become a believer on that day. A believer who might not be having good deeds will also not be able to avail of his belief. So it becomes necessary that the belief and self-refinement should precede the establishment of Heavenly Empire. We should be ready before hand in all respects.

It is proved that the darkness will overpower the whole world. But the light will not be totally put out. The guidance will not totally cease. This darkness has been equated by Holy Quran to a night in sura' Al-Leyl'(The Night). In its explanation it has been said that this night is the night of Disappearance in which the Sun of Heavenly Guidance will vanish and the whole world will be shrouded in darkness. The bewildered persons will not be able to see the right path. In such darkness it will be possible to illuminate the houses by enkindling candles. Whosoever will be connected with powerhouse his house will be illuminated. There will be a night over the world in general but the resourceful persons will be able to get the light of guidance for themselves. For this reason Prophet Isaiah said:

"Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner anymore but thine eyes shall see thy teachers."
Isaiah Chapter 30(20)

"During the period of Disappearance to stand firm on the right path will only be possible by the support of Holy Spirit."
Mikyal-ul-Mukarim

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your Children: how much more shall your

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heavenly Father give the Holy spirit to them that ask him."

St.Luke Chapter 11(13)

It is, therefore, necessary that one should always pray, seek and try to be connected with the centre of the Divine Light of Guidance. Thus, he will be saved in this darkness from stumbling and getting astray. This danger can only be avoided if there is a contact between the man and the centre of Guidance. Holy Quran says:

"O' ye, who believe! Endure, outdo all others in endurance, be ready, and observe your duty to Allah, in order that ye may succeed."

Aal-e-Imran (The Family of Imran 200)

The Holy Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S) explained the verse and said, ***"Firstly persevere in carrying out of duties, try to be patient, secondly ask your brothers to be patient against the cruelties committed by your enemy, and endure all the calamities patiently. Thirdly, try to make a contact with the awaited 'Hujjat' during the "Dark Age" and fourthly fear God because this is the key to success."***

These four things have already been emphasized by all the Prophets. For example the discharge of moral duties and to give the rights of others to them means the sacrifice of personal will to the pleasure of God. The human self, wants a high degree of liberty in the discharge of moral duties. Similarly we cannot properly give the rights of others to them unless we push back our own wills and wishes.

In Psalms it has been said:

"I will freely sacrifice unto thee."

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No. 54(06)

"And he (Jesus) stretched forth his hand towards his disciples and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

St. Matthew Chapter12 (49-50)

" Thus saith the Lord of hosts; if thou wilt walk in my ways and if thou will keep my charge, then thou shall also judge my house and shall also keep my court."

Zechariah chapter 3(7)

It appears that to carry out the orders of God is very important. To be satisfied with the orders of God and to be steadfast in the matters concerning religion is also the spirit of patience and this too is important.

"Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him Those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth."

Psalms No.37 (7,9)

Here twofold patience has been required. Patience on the cruelties inflicted by others and to be steadfast in pursuance of religious directives. In the time of affliction, grief and cruelties, patience is very important.

"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his Judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness : it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger "

Zephaniah Chapter 2(3)

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"The meek shall inherit the earth."
Psalms No. 37(11)

" Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs' is the kingdom of heaven."
" Blessed are the meek" for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs' is the kingdom of heaven."
St.Matthew Chapter 5 (3,5-6,10)

There are so many sayings in which those persons have been admired who were subjected to tyranny and afflictions and yet they were patient.

In the present age the religious monopolists have especially circulated a concept in masses that it is impossible to have a contact with the centre of Divine Guidance. The solitary reason for it is that if they frankly admit that a contact is possible, their own monopoly ceases there and then.

It is the prime duty of the Muslim scholars that they should lead the people to the centre of guidance and should not try to guide them to themselves. But it is happening that they are calling the people to their own door, on the excuse that the gate of guidance is inapproachable and closed. Jesus Christ has already pointed out this wickedness.

"But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."
St. Matthew Chapter 23(13)

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The example of the mercenary religious scholars is that of a big stone on the opening of a spring. It neither utilizes the water itself nor it allows others to utilize it. The fact is that God says that I am very much pleased with the repentance of the sinful persons.

"Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live."
Ezekiel chapter 33(11)

God Almighty told many Prophets that he hates the bad deeds of bad person. He does not hate the self of that bad person. If he mends his way, God is beneficent and Merciful. Then will He not guide him who tries to contact Him? We must be sure that it has never been difficult to have a contact with the center of guidance of the beneficent and Merciful. He Himself says that one who tries to contact Him, He Himself contacts him. His promise is never wrong.

Another thing necessary for divine contact is the fear of God. All the Prophets have elaborated it in their books. It is not disputable, so I would like to write only this much that it stands proved from the sayings of Divine Guides that : God-fearing will inherit the earth. God fearing will have the Divine knowledge. God fearing will be safe from perdition in every age. They will share the Divine Rule.

There can be a question that who are those who miss the contact with the centre of Divine Guidance? An answer to this question facilitates the way to observe the Divine light. The brief answer to this question is that the centre of guidance is concealed due to the bad deeds of the evil-doers.

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It means that the clouds of our vices intervene between divine light and ourselves. The walls of our bad deeds obstruct the rays of the Light of Guidance.

There is an episode of Ali, son of Ibrahim Mehzyar, which is found in many books of 'Ghaibat'. When Ali bin Ibrahim had a contact with the centre, he was questioned: O Ibrahim! What do you want? He said I want to see the Hidden 'Hujjat' The answer was: He is not concealed from you, but your bad deeds have made him hidden. Something similar is in the Old Testament.

" And when the Lord saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them."

Deuteronomy Chapter 32(19-20)

So if we mend our ways and keep the pleasure of God in view, in our doings and sayings, there is no reason that we may not be able to see the Divine Light of Guidance.[1]

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[1] It will be discussed in coming pages that how should we make a contact and what is its procedure.

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ANXIOUS WAIT

The Prophets have told us various golden principles to keep us on the right path during the "Dark Age". The anxious wait and supplication to God have been over-stressed among all of these. All the Prophets kept waiting themselves and turned themselves as looking for and asked their people to do so also. They also told them about the virtues and excellences of waiting. For example look at the following quotations:

"Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation, my God will hear me."
Micah Chapter-7 (7)

"My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust."
Isaiah Chapter-51 (5)

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold: mine elect, in which my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth Judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has set Judgment in the earth: and isles shall wait for his law." Isaiah Chapter-42(1, 4)

"And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of Judgment : blessed are all they that wait for him."
Isaiah Chapter-30 (18)

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"O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble."
Isaiah Chapter-33 (2)

Prophet Shu'eyb has said:

And watch Lo! I am a watcher with you."
Holy Quran Al-Hud (93)

Expect then, I am with you among the expectant."
Holy Quran Al-Yunus (Jonah - 103)

There are 24 verses in Holy Quran which contain an order for waiting. This order for waiting is not restricted only to the believers but the cruel, non-believers and the wicked have also been directed to wait. As the intelligent and worthless students of school are both directed to wait for the result, all the classes of human society have been asked to wait. The decision between oppressor and the oppressed will be made on the day when the last Divine Representative has established his rule and administers justice. On that day all the nations will be assembled, the Prophets will also be present, the cruel will be punished and the revenge of all the victimized will be sought. That is the day when the result of all the deeds will be out. That is why every one has been asked to wait for that day.

The difference between the waiting of believers and non-believers is that the believers take it for granted that the said day will definitely come and they love to see that day. The cruel make a fun of it and lead their life in a style as if the said day will never come. The

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believers pray for the arrival of that day and the non-believers (because they are not sure of it) tauntingly say: "Bring the said day as soon as you can, this day will never come." For such persons it has been said in Holy Quran:

The commandment of Allah will come to pass, so seek not ye to hasten it."

Al-Nahal (The Bee - 1)

In these circumstances only that expectant is superior who believes in the arrival of the destined day from the core of his heart. He loves to see it and wishes that the administration of the world should be taken over by the Lord of Hosts and the Divine Government should be established, the cruel and oppressors should be rooted out and the earth and the sky with all they contain, should receive a gift of permanent pleasure.

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THE VIRTUES AND IMPORTANCE OF EXPECTANCY

When we delve into the scriptures of all the religions, we find that the fundamental books of all the religions unanimously make mention of the “Dark Age”.

All the books direct us to observe expectancy during the “Dark Age”. All say that all the Divine messengers did wait for the stipulated day. All the books term the Divine Government as to be a means of salvation. And all treat the observers of expectancy to be the best of all the times.

Islam and Expectancy (To Look For)

The Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) has said that

"Best of the deeds of my "Ummah" is to wait and expect the establishment of Divine rule which will bring prosperity".

The Holy Imam Sadiq (A.S.) said to Abu Khalid Kabeli: ***"The people in the “Dark Age” who will believe in the last 'Hujjat' and will wait for his arrival will be the best of the peoples of all times."***

The Chief of the believers, Holy Imam Ali (A.S) said:

" Wait for the establishment of Divine rule and don't be disappointed of Divine compassion because the most beloved of the deeds with God is to wait for the establishment of Divine rule."

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There are so many Traditions on this subject which I leave for the sake of brevity.

There are 14 verses in the Holy Quran in which God Almighty has condemned those who don't believe in the destined day or totally deny it. Because the day on which the last 'Hujjat' has to arrive will be as important as if it were the day of God's arrival Himself. All the matters pertaining to this 'Hujjat' will have a special reference to God.

His government will be God's government

His justice will be God's justice.

To visit him will be to visit God.

The attitude, whatsoever, shown towards him will be indirectly shown to God.

To help him will be to help God.

To fight with him will be to fight with God.

He will be a representative of God having the shades of all his peculiarities. He will be the deputy of God and in this position, he will assemble those who are bygone or are present, for accountability and will make just decisions. He will fulfill all the promises made by God to his prophets. This is why that the day of his arrival has been called the day of God.

In Holy Quran many qualities of this day have been enumerated. The same are as follows:

"The day of assembling whereof there is no doubt"

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Ash-Shura (The Counsel-7)

"The Day, when we shall seize them with a greater seizure."

Al-Dukhan (The Smoke-16)

"The day of seeing Lord"

At-Taubah (Repentance-15)

"The threatened day."

Al-Qaf

"Day of coming forth"

Al-Qaf

"Day of witness"

At-Taubah (Repentance)

"Day of bringing out embezzlements"

At-Taghabum (Mutual Disillusion)

"Day of promise"

Al-Maarij (The Ascending Stairways)

"Day of decision"

Al-Mursalat (The Emissaries)

"Day when angels and spirits will stand in rows"

Al-Naba (The Tidings)

"Day of punishment and reward"

Al-Infatar

"Day when the hidden evil doings will be searched out"

Al-Tariq

"Day when the people will stand before God"

At-Tatfif (Defrauding)

This is the day which is called the 'day of God' on that day one who will sit in the seat of justice will be the viceroy of God and to see him will amount of seeing God. The prophets were told to make the people fear, the day of God's interview. That interview meant the seeing

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of the viceroy of God. In this connection Holy Quran says:

"That they might believe in the meeting with their Lord"
Al-Anaam (The Cattle-155)

"He detaileth the revelation, that happily ye may be certain of the meeting with your Lord"
Ar-Raad (Thunder-2)

And those who did not believe in the meeting with Lord, it has been said about them in Holy Quran:

"They indeed are losers who deny their meeting with Allah."
Al-Anaam (The Cattle-31)

"But truly many of mankind are disbelievers in the meeting with their Lord."
Ar-Rome (8)

There are about 30 verses in the Holy Quran which tell about the meeting with God. No one can deny the fact that the Penultimate Reality cannot be seen or visited. So all these verses refer to the meeting with his deputy or viceroy, to see whom is as if to see God. In all the revealed books it has been said that the meeting with him will amount to meeting with God:

"For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: His countenance doth behold the upright."
Psalms No. 11 (7)
"This is the generation of them that seek him that seek thy face."

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Psalms No. 24 (6)

"The mighty God, even the Lord hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the Sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come and shall not keep Silence."

Psalms No. 50 (1-3)

God Almighty is far above to come and go anywhere because He does not need it. Then who is this ' who will come? Holy Quran says:

"When your Lord will come the angels will come down rank on rank"

Al-Fajar (The Dawn-22)

"Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord, and his strength, seek his face evermore."

Psalms No. 105 (3-4)

"Here me speedily, O Lord: my spirit failed: hide not thy face from me."

Psalms No. 143 (7)

"And the Lord speak unto Moses, saying, speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, on this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, say unto them, the Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee."

Psalms No. 6 (22-25)

Similarly in all the books of the prophets there is a concept of meeting God by which is meant the same Light of Guidance or Last 'Hujjat' who has to come as

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viceroy of God. As the majority of the people took the arrival day of the Last 'Hujjat' as a mere wonder or impossibility, therefore they were directed to wait so that they may see the establishment of Heavenly Rule with their own eyes and meet their appropriate end.

Most of the prophets had to face the persons who were averse to the belief of the day of appearance of last 'Hujjat'. The mentality of such deniers was made clear to the prophets. The Holy Quran says:

"Wait they for naught else than that Allah should come unto them in the shadows of the clouds with the angles? Then the case would be already judged All cases go back to Allah (for Judgment)
Al-Baqarah (The Cow-210)

"And they will say: If only a portent were sent down upon him from his Lord! Then say (O Muhammad): The Unseen belongeth to Allah. So wait! Lo, I am waiting with you."
Al-Yunus (Junah - 21)

"What expect they save the like of the days of those who passed away before them? Say: Expect then! I am with you among the expectant. Then shall We save Our messengers and believers in the like manner (as of old). It is incumbent upon us to save believers."
Al-Yunus (Junah 103,104)

In the like manner the other prophets were also directed to wait and to be patient. It has been said in the Book of Habakkuk:

"Rottenness entered into my bones and I trembled in my self, that I might rest in the day of trouble."

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Chapter 3 (16)

"Yea, in the way of thy Judgments, O Lord have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit with in me will I seek early"

Isaiah Chapter 26 (8-9)

This brief discussion proves that the concept of divine rule and to wait for a special fixed day is present in all the religions of the world. It has been praised and every prophet in his times has been waiting for Divine rule and directed his people to wait also. The Rule and Govt. of Promised One is in fact the rule and Govt. of God because the revenge of all the oppressed persons either by gone or yet to come, is specifically connected with that period. As the tyrants exhibited their tyranny on this earth the justice therefore requires that they should be punished on this very earth and the oppressed ones be compensated. This world is the real place of punishment and compensation. The paradise with all the comforts it contains is a reward and not compensation.

Now the question arises as to why to wait for Heavenly Govt. has been so much praised whereas waiting is quite an ordinary and boring thing?

Our opponents generally say that 'The waiting school of thought' is nothing more than ease, luxury and idleness. This is simply to leave every activity which is necessary for progress and advancement. Those who express the said views have neither properly understood the philosophy and aims of waiting nor the sayings of the passed Prophets and the Holy Family of the Prophet of Islam because 'the waiting school of thought' is an

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extensively reformatory and training school of thought. The Eastern and western moralists whose duty is to pinpoint the real aim of human life and to define what a good deed is? When they try to find out the real aim of human life, they fail to clearly tell us about it. Anyhow they underlined a few specialties of the aim of human life which were inevitable.

When I studied the same, I was wonder struck to find that all those specialties were there, one to all, in waiting for Divine rule' Nowhere else the same were to be found in full. The most famous theologian Dr. Benthem has defined the real aim of human life as follows: "The real aim of life is to have maximum possible pleasure." By pleasure he means the happiness which is an antonym of grief. Then he tries to describe the specialties of pleasure as to how the pleasure should be? He says the pleasure should have three qualities. It should have (i) Intenseness (ii) Durability (iii) And vastness of its circle of influence.

Another theologian Dr. Mill has expressed his views on this point in the following words:

"The pleasure maximum in quantity, number and for a long period can be real aim of life."

He means that pleasure should be intense and to an ideal degree. It should be to the most possible extent in this world. Its circle of Influence should include maximum number of people to have the benefits of the same, and it should be durable for a very long time.

Dr. Green, another specialist on this subject raised an objection to the preceding theory which was not accepted by his successors. The objection was that a big quantity in a large number is impossible. For

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example if one million of rupees is distributed in two persons, it will be a big quantity. But if the same amount is distributed among the same number of people, the number of people will no doubt increase but the quantity of; pleasure will decrease.

This point of view would have been acceptable if pleasure would have been something material. Since pleasure is a mood and something immaterial, therefore we cannot hold the preceding example as true. If a poet recites a beautiful verse in a big crowd the pleasure derived from that verse though divided among so many people will not decrease in quantity. Similarly the morning walk or beautiful scenery provides a pleasure equal in quantity to an individual or one million of persons without loosing anything. According to this formula we find this view correct that the real aim of life is to have pleasure to the maximum extent in quantity, quality and for a long period.

We observe that the establishment of Divine rule has all these three qualities:

i. Intensiveness of pleasure

It is a fact that no scale has so for been invented to measure the pleasure. But the truth is that when the Divine rule will be established the pleasure will be so intense that even if the scales are invented, they will fail to measure the same. Every person will receive the pleasure to the highest possible degree.

ii. Circle of Influence

The circle of influence of this pleasure is as vast as possible because the establishment of Divine rule will be the cause of happiness to those who preceded and

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those who succeed. The angels, genie and the spirits will also be happy. So much so that we shall feel the effect of happiness in plants, herbs, trees and things inanimate and animate. We shall prove later on with Traditions that the establishment of Divine rule will not only cheer up the inhabitants of the earth and heaven but also the fish in the water.

iii. Durability of pleasure

This pleasure will be everlasting as it is provided in the book of Daniel:

"God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand for ever."
Chapter 2-(44)

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away."
Chapter 7-(14)

"Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom."
Psalms No. 145(13)
"The glory of his dominion will be everlasting."
St. John

This means that the Divine rule will be everlasting and the pleasure it will present to the people will be for an unending period. So we are bound to admit that to wish for the establishment of the Divine rule is the real aim of human life. When it stand proved that the waiting school of thought leads to the real aim of human life, then it is not correct to label it as a hobby of

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idlers. If we practically apply the principles of waiting on all spheres of human life, we shall feel that the life automatically becomes ideal. This is because the waiting for the establishment of Divine rule makes a man well-behaved, religious minded and of unimpeachable character and thus he gains all moral qualities which one ought to have gained.

If we are able to understand truly the meaning of waiting, we cannot term it as a hobby of idlers because waiting is an exemplary action and not idleness. All good deeds appear smaller and of on value as compared to 'waiting'. The fact is that waiting is in itself a preamble because a man, who waits someone, has to do certain things, appropriate to the status of the person for whom he is waiting. For example you want to go some where with some of your friends. If those friends don't turn up in time you will have to wait for them. You will not sit idle in this interim period, but you will make preparations for the intended journey, you will take bath, collect the necessary things and pack them in a briefcase. You will not sit idle until you are satisfied that all has been collected which is necessary for the journey. If the intended journey is long and the coming friends are also to be supported by you, the requirements will increase. Shortage of time and packing of so many things will create restlessness. Now in such a situation can one enjoy a sound sleep? It happens sometimes that one has to travel with a group of persons who have a higher status and want to go by air. So the poor companion will have to make far more arrangements according to the status of his co-travelers. He will have to arrange more money and to have more valuable accessories.

Just think of a person who wants to travel with the caravan of righteousness and Truth in which every traveler is pious, chaste and of high morals. Such person

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will have to make very heavy arrangements to be a co-traveler of very pure type of passengers. That is why Jesus Christ said: ***"You will not be allowed to enter the Divine Kingdom unless your purity and truthfulness is more than the religious leaders."***

Similarly it has been said in the Bible:

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man, (Jesus Christ)

Luke Chapter-21(34-45)

I shall try to prove my view with the help of another example. Suppose a king says to one of his subjects that I shall visit your house on such and such day, please wait for me. Now this person will not sit idle at his door. But he will have to make arrangements according to the status of his guest. He will set his rooms right and will try to arrange for crockery etc. befitting to the status of the king in order to provide every possible comfort to him. If that person sits at his door awaiting his guest and doesn't make any arrangements suitable to the occasion, he will cut a sorry figure on the appointed day. One who has to travel by air, he has to reach the airport before time, lest he should miss the flight. This preparation before time is called 'waiting' there is a proverb in Arabic:

'To wait is more painful than death.'

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The waiting that we are stressing is actually a revolutionary school of thought which has no provision for leisure or easy life. It is the name of the life of a soldier or a commando. Many Traditions say that one who waits is like a soldier fighting in the field.

A Tradition in the book Akmal-ud-Din says that:

"One who dies waiting for the establishment of Divine rule is equal to one who is in the tent of Al-Hujjat. To be more exact he is like one who is fighting in the way of God before the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.)."

In many other Traditions a 'waiting person' has been equated with a warrior for the faith.

i. "A 'waiting person' is like one who is fighting in the way of God in a wounded condition."

ii. "A 'waiting person' is like that martyred that is lying before the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H.) smeared with blood."

iii. " A 'waiting person' is like one who has fallen on the ground after a strong fight before 'Hujjat' (A.S) and is breathing his last in the tent of his Imam

After going through the preceding Traditions, we become sure that waiting is not simply rest and recreation but it is hardihood and struggle. Waiting is a life style of a warrior for the faith.

i. A warrior has weapons and a 'waiting person' has prayer (dua). Tradition says that prayer is the weapon of the believer (Momin).

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ii. A warrior fights with the enemies of faith and a waiting person fights with the forces of Devil.

iii. A warrior hoists his sword and banner whereas a waiting person hoists his hands for prayer. As a warrior tries to keep up his banner, similarly a waiting person should keep up his hands in prayer.

iv. A warrior shouts war cries in the battlefield and waiting person wails and laments before God.

v. The blood drops fall from the wounds of a warrior whereas tears fall from the eyes of a waiting person which are actually the essence of blood.

vi. A warrior becomes the mark of arrows, spears and swords whereas a waiting person becomes a mark of reproaching and reviling. The wound of sword gets healed whereas the wound made by tongue never heals.

'Jehad' or war in the way of God is of three types: (i) to fight with the apparent enemies (ii) to fight with Devil (iii) to fight with the animal-self. We have been ordered to fight with the non-believers with our hands, tongues, wealth and lives. The fierce of these Jehads is fighting with animal-self, because God is always pleased with those who go against the wishes of animal-self. That is why we have been ordained to fight with the wishes of animal-self in a way we fight with our enemies.

All the kinds of Jehads narrated above are hidden in 'waiting'. It is because of his striving hard that

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a waiting man has been ranked above the persons of every age and times. The Holy Christ says: ***" Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: Not withstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."***
Matthew Chapter 11(11)

We can realize from the above quotation that how high is the rank of those who will be present in the Divine Kingdom. They will be greater than prophet of God, John. When the merit is so high, how hard will be the labour to achieve the same. The meanings of 'waiting' therefore, are self preparation. Those who don't give up vice and are waiting yet, are actually waiting for their destruction. This has been corroborated in the book of Isaiah:

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it."
Chapter 13(9)

"To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations: incense is an abomination unto me: The new moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; your new moons and your appointed feasts, I am weary to bear them."
Chapter 1(11-14)

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"But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."
Chapter 1(20)

"How ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty."
Chapter 13(6)

Similarly it has been said in the book of Ezekiel:
"Thus saith the Lord God; Howl ye, woe worth the day! For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of heathen."
Chapter 30(2-3)

It has been said in the book of Joel:

"Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty it shall come."
Chapter 1(15)

In the book of Amos it has been said:

"Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a dear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness."
Chapter 5(18-20)

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ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE AND REFORMS

The man perceived and experienced two things since his creation:

i- Cruelty ii- Grief (Sorrow)

These two things are an inseparable part of human life and will remain till the man remains on this planet. All the Prophets, thinkers and even poets have discussed these two things. From a man of ordinary intelligence up to a man of ideal intelligence these two things are felt equally. One gets disturbed by these two factors. It is something else that every man perceives these according to his caliber. An ignorant man will remain limited up to his own self, whereas the circle of perception of the men with higher caliber will be vast. They feel as if the tyranny has shrouded the whole world. They not only share the pains of fellowmen but also the pains of plants and inanimate things. They cannot reconcile with an atmosphere of cruelty. They feel their person directly being subjected to that tyranny. They feel an axe striking a tree as if it was falling on their hearts. They consider the cutting of the tree equal to a homicide.

The great Buddha abdicated his throne and preferred a jungle life simply because he viewed cruelty all around. When he came out for preaching after a long respite, he mainly stressed on these two things viz. cruelty and grief. These two points form the background of 'Ahinsa' principle (harmlessness or not to tease anything) presented by Sawami Mahabir, the founder of Jain-ism. Even a tyrant can not save himself from grief, pain and tyranny. Every tyrant of the world condemns

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tyranny while committing it. Man has been continuously waging war against these two things since he gained knowledge. It is known to everyone that first and the foremost needs of man are peace and pleasure. He therefore tries hard to achieve them. The slogan which attracted the masses in Russian Revolution was freedom and peace.

The implementation of constitution and other laws through administration and judiciary in different countries is simply to minimize the cruelty and sorrow. The main purpose of the politics is to save a common man from the clutches of cruelty and to add to his pleasure. I am pained to say that the man despite the exercise of his best abilities- has not been able to succeed in checking the expansion of tyranny what to speak of minimizing the same. The cruelty is spreading widely at a bullet speed. the pleasure and peace are being banished from the face of the earth. Every person feels himself at gun-point. The life appears to be made of gunpowder. The jungle-law is current in the cities. The restlessness of cities is entering jungles even. The whole humanity is considering itself unsafe.

When a miserable man observes all this, a question crops up in his mind: will this flood of cruelty ever stop? Will the sufferings of humanity end ever? When he tries to find out the answer to these questions in materialistic systems, he doesn't find a positive answer. On the contrary he gets disappointed due to the increasing speed of cruelty and sorrows.

The answer to these questions is only found in scriptures and revealed books. All the religions of the world unanimously declare that all this will happen in the last age when the rule of the 'One promised by the

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prophets' will start. All the sorrows, grieves and cruelties will be wiped out of the world. Lord says:

"I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from the ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: Yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it .Hearken unto me Ye stout hearted, that are far from my righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry."

Isaiah Chapter 46(9-13)

"My servant whom I uphold: mine elect, in whom my soul delighted: I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth Judgment to the gentiles. He shall not cry nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in street. A bruised reed shall not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth Judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set Judgment in the earth : and the isles shall wait for his law"

Isaiah chapter 42(1-4)

"Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand and his arm shall rule for him: Behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."

Isaiah Chapter 40(10-11)

Along with this good news Lord God has encouraged the crushed and trodden people and asked

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them not to loose heart and that they should wait for His last representative with hope and courage.

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense, he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

Isaiah Chapter 35 (3-10)

It is a fact that if tyranny is finished and peace gets established, all the miseries and sorrows will automatically vanish. It is necessary to implement justice without discrimination so as to wipe out the cruelty and injustice. Justice comprises of two factors:

(i) Punishment to the cruel and

(ii) Compensation to the wronged and oppressed.

It is necessary for administration of justice to provide solid proofs of the crime. If there are no solid proofs and witnesses, the justice administered will become doubtful. Keeping all this in view God the merciful has equipped

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his last representative in a way that He has termed his arrival as arrival of God, his decision as the decision made by Himself, and his Govt., as a Divine Govt. It has also been told to remove all the doubts of tyrants that the justice done by the last representative of God will be a cent per cent justice because he will not stand in need of any proofs etc. of the crimes and cruelties.

" And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."

Isaiah Chapter 11 (2-5)

This means that the justice will be administered through spiritual power and knowledge. The cruel and oppressors will be punished in the light of the same. The criminal will not escape the justice irrespective of his social status. The range of justice will be so wide that it will extend even to the animals of jungle. A bigger animal will not be allowed to tease a smaller one. It means that the law of jungle will also get reshaped in accordance with the canons of justice. Lord says:

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child

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shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den."

Isaiah Chapter 11 (6-8)

How this revolutionary peace will be established?

The answer to this question is provided in the Bible.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Isaiah Chapter 11 (9)

We sometimes think that is it possible that carnivorous animals should become herbivorous?

The modern science affirms this possibility, because with the change of some genes a carnivorous animal can become a vegetarian. The point to be stressed is that justice will be so prevalent in the last age that the cruelty will not be found anywhere. Peace, prosperity and happiness will rule the world.

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace: That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord."

Psalms No. 144 (12-15)

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be

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established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations a far off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. But they shall sit everyman under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it."

Micah Chapter 4 (1-4)

It becomes clear from the preceding quotations that it will be the specialty of that particular period that wars will totally come to an end and the weapons will be changed into beneficial tools. There is a famous proverb that 'every book has a last page'. If this is true the present rotten system will definitely come to an end. All the inhabitants of this world will face a reaction of their actions. The wronged and oppressed classes are sure to be compensated. This has been provided in the books of all the revealed religions that in the last age a Universal Leader will come and establish a complete and everlasting peace in the world.

When we look at the welfare institutions at international level, we realize the things that are needed by humanity. Though I have a great respect for the said welfare institutions and consider their encouragement necessary and also urge them to be sincere to their objectives, yet I believe that a man cannot achieve an ideal life with the present materialistic system, because

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the ideal itself varies from man to man. The ideal of a single person is also subject to change from time to time. An ideal of a millionaire will be to become billionaire, when he becomes a billionaire; his ideal becomes to be multibillionaire. So the ideal is a shadow which is to be always chased and actually is not achievable. But whatever we find from the revealed books about the last age shows that the reign of the last Universal Leader will be an ideal reign from every angle. The life of man will be ideal from both material and spiritual points of view.

Let us try to take a detailed view of it.

(i)- Poverty:

The most ticklish problem of this planet in the modern age, is poverty. It has badly agitated the minds of the economists of international level. The increasing flood of population is sweeping away all the human resources. The whole progress made so far, is coming to a naught due to population pressure. The scriptures tell us about the solution of this problem during the period of the last Divine Leader. It has been told about that golden age that:

1- Every person will be having his granaries full of all kinds of food grains.
2- The sheep and goats of every person will bring forth hundreds and thousands of lambs and kids. The animals will be in abundance.
3- Every person will be having his own vineyard and garden.
4- Only those persons will be the owner of the earth whom Almighty will bless.

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The Prophet of Islam (P.B.U.H.) says:

The last Divine Leader will bring out all the treasures hidden in the earth and will divide them among the people."

6- The resources will multiply and no one will be poor, meaning thereby that there will be no concentration of wealth.

A single person will receive so much mineral wealth that he will pick up a big lot but he will shed his load and leave some of it in the way.

The 'Zakat' system will be such as every person in that age will be so rich that he will be liable to Zakat tax. People will try to find deserving persons for Zakat, but will find none.

The weaker and the oppressed class will be given sovereignty and they will be the leaders at that time.

The promise made by God in Holy Quran***" Thy Lord will give unto thee so that thou will be content",*** will be fulfilled. This means that poverty will be totally wiped out in that golden age, no one will be landless and all will be landlords. No piece of land will remain barren because the water will be in plenty, there will be canals every where for irrigation. In addition to canals the rainfall will be in time and all the crops and vegetation will be irrigated. The springs will gush out of deserts and thirst of the earth will be quenched. The fertility of land will increase in that blessed age and the yield of the crops will increase many times. No piece of land will remain without agriculture.

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(ii) Diseases:

The second big problem among the global problems is disease. Every day brings a research about new diseases. A major portion of the income of every country is spent on fighting against diseases and research thereon. The money spent on hospitals and medicines is not returnable. If every individual of a country keeps good health, the money spent on hospital etc. can be utilized towards the progressive projects. A lot of handicapped children is born all over the world. A tangible portion of world's income is spent on the settlement of handicapped persons. If there is no handicapped, disabled or ill person in the world, the money spent on them will be saved and spent on other developmental sectors. There will be an increase in the manpower resources which will further increase the rate of advancement and progress.

The age of the last Divine Leader will be totally free of persons ill, handicapped and weak. The blind shall see, the deaf will hear, the lame will run like a deer, the dumb will sing the songs of joy. Each individual will be bestowed with a collective power of forty men. No one will ever become old, ill, weak or disabled. The blessing showed by the Christ for a few individuals will become general in nature in that age and in the whole world there will be no blind, dumb, deaf, lame, leper and dead.

(iii) Violence and Terrorism

The third problem faced by the modern age is the infringement of moral laws, terrorism, oppression and violence; which have created an atmosphere of lawlessness. Every individual considers himself unsafe even though he may be in a concrete fort. Life, property,

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honour etc, are not safe. The real cause of this violence is that people have no fear of God. They also do not believe in the life hereafter. In the absence of fear of God the violation of moral laws becomes easier for the man. When there is no fear of accountability in the life here after, a man will commit violence and terrorism etc. easily. The books of all the religions tell that during the time of last Great Leader nothing against law will be done because the people will become God fearing.

Then shall the earth yield her increase: and God, even our own God shall bless us. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."
Psalms No. 67 (6-7)

"I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."
Zephaniah Chapter 3 (12-13)

God will bring around all the pious persons in that age. The reason for this assemblage has been told in the following words:

That they may walk in my statutes and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God."
Ezekiel Chapter 11 (20)

The fear will not be due to any sort of harm but all the hearts will become full of modesty. They will have the fear of God in the manner of a lover who fears the estrangement of his beloved. This love full fear will force the people to abide by Divine laws and abandon

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every sort of violence and rebellion. All the fears will disappear except the fear of God. It has been stated in the explanation of Quranic verses (sura Al-e-Imran) that those who will be looking out for the Divine rule with due obedience, will not have any fear or grief in the reign of the last Divine Leader, because they will be the friends of God. It has been stated in the explanation of verse 83 of the said Sura that all the creatures of earth and heaven acknowledge the religion of Lord and will obey him.

(IV) Religious Discord:

When we look at the world of today, we find one religion colliding with other, and faith with another faith. A general massacre is being carried out in the name of religion and faith everywhere. Most of the destruction is done under the garb of religion. But in the golden age of Divine rule all such vices will come to an end. The religion will be fed to the brains with logic. The pious and righteous people will be brought to obedience, in the first instance with reference to the faith they believed in. The state religion will not be imposed upon anyone, because God Almighty says: 'There is no coercion in the matter of faith'. There are very clear Traditions in Muslim books with reference to the establishment of Divine rule which state that when the Last Leader and Great Divine Reformer will take-over, he will bring out Old Testament and other revealed books from a cave of Antakia mountain (Turkey) will administer justice according to the beliefs and religious books of various sectors of the masses. The earth will yield all the treasures hidden therein. He will bring around the entire world on one religion. This will not be done on gunpoint but by fully convincing them in the light of reason and logic. Then whole the world will embrace one and one faith only.

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"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down. And the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols he shall utterly abolish."

Isaiah Chapter 2 (17-18)

"And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one."

Zechariah Chapter14 -9)

"God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. The princes of people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham."

Psalms No.47 (8-9)

It has been said in a Tradition that there will be none from east to west who will not bear the witness on oneness of God. All the religions will be vanquished by Islam and no disbeliever or a polytheist will be found in any nook of the world. All the population of the world will be having only one religion. In such a state of affairs the religious discord and sectarianism will automatically vanish and the globe will become a cradle of peace.

(V) Knowledge and Wisdom:

Education is the fifth big problem of the world according to the World Bank and U.N. schedule. The pace of literacy is very slow. Billions of Dollars are being spent to accelerate the said pace. But despite a very heavy expenditure, the result is very hopeless in

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underdeveloped countries. Ignorance and paganism are at large. The ratio of knowledge and wisdom is too low to mention. Particularly the wisdom, which has a direct connection with spirit, has come to naught.

There is a flood of information in the present age but the information cannot be a substitute for knowledge. Knowledge is always systematic and consistent. It is a way to wisdom and its result is wisdom and prudence. Knowledge guides in worldly matters and prudence in spiritual matters. The advancement in the field of knowledge and education has been made to a very small extent but it has come to naught in the field of spiritual science. Materialism has been given a great importance but the spiritualism has been considered injurious. There is a Tradition in the explanation of the following verse of Holy Quran. ***"O ye who believe: whoso of you becometh a renegade from his religion, (know that in his stead). Allah will bring a people whom He loveth and who love Him."***
Al-Maeda(Table spread (54)

That there will be a bad time when the believers of all the religions will become apostates if judged in the light of their own religion. The people referred to in the preceding verse of Quran are those who will be the companions of the last great Leader. In the current age we are observing the truth contained in the above Tradition. These days the Jews have departed from the religion of Moses. A Christian has become an apostate from the religion of Jesus Christ and a Muslim has gone away from Islam except a tiny minority. It means that there is a great decline in spiritualism.

All the religions unanimously declare that the age of the last great Divine Leader will be full of knowledge, science and spiritualism.

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" For the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."
Isaiah Chapter 11 (9)

" And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you: and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh. That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them."
Ezekiel Chapter 11 (19-20)

" For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."
Habakkuk Chapter 2(14)

"And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem."
Zechariah Chapter 14(8)

" And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."
Joel Chapter 2 (28-29)

"And on my servants and my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit; and they shall prophesy."
The Acts of the Apostles-2 (18)

There is a Tradition that when the Great Leader will establish his rule, God Almighty will place His hand of beneficence on the heads of the people, their brains

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and understanding will become ideal. The power of hearing and eye-sight will increase to an extent that a person sitting in the east will be able to see and talk with a person sitting in the west. Knowledge will become so prevalent that the women and girls will explain Islamic Jurisprudence and implement the orders of Lord. The total knowledge is contained in 26 letters. So far the knowledge of one letter has been given. When the last Leader will come, the knowledge of remaining 25 letters will be poured on humanity and each one of his followers will possess that quantity of knowledge. It means that ignorance and paganism will totally come to an end, and knowledge and prudence will be seen at their peak. All the doubts and ambiguities will be removed.

(vi) Population

One, of the problems which are teasing the brains of those who are considering the problems of this planet is the pressure of increasing population and decreasing resources. The pressure of increasing population is mostly on the underdeveloped and poor countries. This pressure is sweeping away all their resources. Since 1960, efforts are being made that these countries should implement Family Planning. Billions of Dollars have been spent on this exercise but to no avail. The proper solution was to increase the resources, but they are trying to decrease the number. The fact is that every individual coming in this world has a single mouth to eat and two hands to earn, provided he is given to make a positive use of his potentials. This fact cannot be negated also that two earning hands can feed four mouths to eat. The system is failing because the real root of the problem is not being cut off knowingly.

This, also, is a hard fact that the resources available in this small planet are sufficient even if the

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present population increases one thousand times more. We are wasting the income gained from these resources. For example 80% of the total income of Pakistan is spent on arms and ammunition. If the entire world gives up preparing atom and Hydrogen bombs and other destructive weapons and spends that much wealth on removing poverty, it can be said with certainty that no village in the whole world will be without factories. No tract of land will remain barren and every inch of the earth will undergo mechanical cultivation. Actually we are not manufacturing missiles and ammunition but we are burning the heaps of our food to ashes. Presently the state of affairs is that everyone is feeling a sense of insecurity. He sells his wheat worth Rs.30,000 and purchases a clashincov. He sells his crops worth Rs. 150000 and purchase G-3 gun.In this situation we should not blame the eating mouths and destroy them. Earning hands brought the wheat worth Rs. 150000 which might have been sufficient for one thousand persons.

When the Last Great Leader will emerge, such will not be the situation. The frontiers of his Government will extend from east to west. The earth will unveil all the treasures within it. No piece of land will remain barren. Every inch will be cultivated. Each individual will be having his personal gardens, sit in his own vineyard or will sit under the shade of his own fig trees. In that age righteous people ***"Shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids."***

Zechariah Chapter 9 (16-17

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be

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fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord."

Jeremiah Chapter 23 (3-4)

In that time the whole world will be full of greenery. If a solitary woman, laden with ornaments would go from Arabia to Iraq and from Iraq to Syria, her every step will fall on green grass. She will not feel any sort of danger in such a long journey nor will she suffer any type of harm.

Every human being is pleased to see his obedient children. The offspring has been called the light of eyes and the peace of heart. It is a grace and force for parents. It is a pity that such a dear thing is being murdered in the name of 'Family Planning'. We are reminded of the time of Pharaoh when the children were killed.

In the golden age of the last Heavenly Leader the resources will be in such abundance that the number of consumers will fall short. The righteous people will be bestowed with exceedingly large number of sons.

"Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation."

Isaiah Chapter 60 (21-22)

In the said golden period every believer will have on thousand sons. Those who have already died

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will be called back in that age as promised by God with the prophet Daniel:

"But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."
Daniel Chapter 12 (13, 2)

The life in that age will not be a few days life but it will be everlasting as said by prophet David:

"O God, thy years shall have no end. The children of thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be established before thee."
Psalms No.102 (27-28)

This will happen because the 'death' itself will be put to an end. There will be an endless life. Grief, pains, aches, fear and weeping etc. will be wiped out because that age will be an age of permanent pleasure.

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us; This is the Lord; We have waited for him."
Isaiah Chapter 25 (8-9)

It means that the presence of the representative of Almighty God will be equal to His residing with the people. The same was promised with Prophet Zechariah:

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"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for lo, I come, I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord."
Zechariah-2 (10)

The same was shown to John in his Revelation.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be anymore pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, behold, I make all things new."
Revelation Chapter 21 (3-4)

This Divine rule and the sources of pleasure will be everlasting as told by God Almighty:

"Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended."
Isaiah Chapter 60 (20)

All the righteous people will be awarded with the exceptional honour of being present in the court of the last Great Leader and enjoying his learned discourses.

"All his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words."
Deuteronomy Chapter 33 (3)

"All the nations shall even go up from year to year to worship the king, the Lord of hosts and to keep the feast of tabernacles."
Zechariah Chapter 14 (16)

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"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the Governor among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship; all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him."
Psalms No. 22 (27-29)

"All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before. Thee"
Psalms No. 86 (9)

"His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. The whole earth be filled with his glory."
Psalms No.72 (17 & 19)

"The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous."
Psalms No.118 (15)

The preceding verses clearly show that the golden age of the Divine Leader will be complete in all respects. All the ticklish problems of the world will be solved for ever in that age. It is, therefore, imperative on every individual of all religions and creeds that he should pray for the early setting in of that golden age. If we wish salvation, end of our grieves and sorrows, solution of our local and international problems, a system based on morality equity and justice or a spiritual and everlasting golden rule, then we should pray every time for the immediate emergence of the Divine Guide and Ruler. None else is in a position to brighten the dark future of humanity. Only he is in a position to put an end to tyranny, oppression, discord, sectarianism, terrorism,

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exploitation, illness, unemployment, encroachment, murders and injustice. He will yoke materialism and spiritualism together. He will wipe out the colliding religions and will call the whole humanity to only one religion not by sword but by logic and arguments. He will create a revolution in the minds of the people. He will finish tyranny by justice and oppression by equity. The moral and spiritual values will be rebuilt on concrete footing. Peace, freedom and equality before law will be the order of the day. The man will truly fulfill the purpose of his creation only in that time.

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PRAYER (DUA)

When we come to understand the “Dark Age”, a question crops up in the mind as to what steps should be taken to reach the real goal? Wherefrom should we get a guiding light? How can we save our belief from devil's attack? When we try to find out an answer to these questions in the revealed books of various religions, we are wonderstruck to see that there is a consensus with regard to its answer. Among the remedies suggested, the prayer has been unanimously recommended as to be the solution. There is a Tradition of the Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H.)

"Prayer is the weapon of the believer."

It is the unique spiritual approach which is a support for the old, weapon for the young and amulet for the child. It is a stick for the blind and the last support for the helpless and resource less person. When material sources are exhausted and no ray of hope is visible, it is 'prayer' that holds man in its strong arms and takes him out from the slough of despondency, enabling him to face the hardships of life. The righteous persons during the present “Dark Age” are facing the same situation. All the resources are being used against them. A few weak persons are not in a position to change the whole devilish system. Such a big revolution is not within their power. So this crushed and oppressed set of persons has no choice except to resort to prayer and supplication to God Almighty. The good human values in this age are breathing their last. The ghosts of tyranny, oppression and disbelief are devilishly dancing. The only way out left is to pray before God Almighty and say:

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"O Lord, come and save us. Cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears and givest them tears to drink in great measure. Turn us against, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved."

Psalms No.80 (2-7)

" O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blesspheme thy name for ever? Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? Pluck it out of thy bosom."

Psalms No.74 (10-11)

"I am weary of my crying; my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head."

Psalms No.6 (3-4)

"Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore ? Hath God forgotten to be gracious?"

Psalms No.77 (8-9)

"Hear me speedily, O Lord, my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me."

Psalms No.143 (7)

"O Shepherd of Israel,... come and save us."

Psalms No.80 (1-2)

"O Lord, wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? Wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted them, yea, they have

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taken root: they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins. How long shall the land mourn?"
Jermiah Chapter 12(1-2, 4)

"How long will thou forget me O Lord? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?"
Psalms No.13 (1-2)

" O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: Swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear?"
Psalms No. 59 (5-7)

"Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord. Before your parts can feel the thorns."
Psalms No. 58 (6, 9)

"Arise, O Lord: Let not man prevail: Put them in fear, O Lord; that the nations may know themselves to be but men."
Psalms No.9 (19-20)

"Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies scattered: and let them that hate thee flee before thee. Return, O Lord, unto many thousands of Israel."
Psalms No. 10 (35-36)

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known."
Habakkuk Chapter 3 (2)

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"So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might."

Judges Chapter 5 (31)

"O God end the griefs of this 'ummah' by sending him."

Dua-e-Ehad, Mafatih-ul-Jinan-P 540)

"At his hand, get the nonbelieving oppressors killed."

(Mafatih P-541)

"Get the heads of those who lead astray, crushed by him."

(Mafatih).

" Till none of them remains on the face of earth and wipe out the signs of tyrants. All the supporters of the oppressors be killed. Destroy all the treacheries they have committed. Devastate the impious and kill their Pharaohs. Pull down their flags, ruin their rule and scatter away their enemies. Burn their pulpits and break their swords. Reduce their idols to ashes, spill their blood and erase their forts and destroy their houses."

" O Lord, I complain that our Prophet has been taken away from us and the Divine Guide has also been made to disappear from us. I complain about the small number of righteous people and great number of our enemies. I also complain for the dominance of our enemies and also for the hardest tests to which we have been put."

(Mustudrik-ul-wasail)

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"We cannot enjoy the pleasures of our Eid festivals, because every Eid reminds us the sufferings of our spiritual leaders. It was their Divine right to rule over the world. But this right has been usurped."
(Mikial-ul-Makarim)

'O Lord, fulfill the promise you made with me and with the other down-trodden people, You had promised, 'I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee to whom the reproach of it was a burden. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee."
Zephaniah Chapter 3 (18-19)

We pay our compliments to the awaited Divine Guide whose appearance was promised to all the nations of the world. The promises made with all the believers of the past are to be fulfilled through awaited Divine Guide. O Lord, perish all the enemies of that Divine Leader and his forefathers. These enemies may belong to the genii or human being. When we see through the prayers of the past prophets, their deputies and our Imams, We find that most of these aim at the establishment of Right and destruction of the evil. Where the prayers for ruination of the enemies of Right have been made, the well being of the companions and waiters of the Divine Leader has also been prayed for, because a friend’s friend is also a friend. The prophet David made his prayer as follows:

"Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul? O my God, I trust thee: Let me not be ashamed, Let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed."
Psalms No. 25 (1-3)

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" Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: Let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel."
Psalms No. 69(6)

"O Lord, let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might."
Judges Chapter 5 (31)

It is imperative to pray for the establishment of Divine Rule as was done by Christ when he said:

"After this manner therefore pray ye: our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."
Matthew Chapter 6(9-10)

Jesus Christ taught his apostles to pray in the following words:

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed byethy name. Thy Kingdom come."
St.Luke Chapter 11 (2)

Jesus Christ lifted his eyes to the sky and prayed as follows:

"Father the hour is come: glorify thy son."
St.John Chapter 17(1)

"Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The eyes of all wait upon thee.
Psalms No.145 (13+15)

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When we look at the words of the prayers, we find that in some of them, it has been wished to see the Lord or the face of Lord. It is impossible to see the Lord by physical eyes. What actually is meant by that is to see the representative of Lord.

"O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth, O God to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself."
Psalms No. 94 (1)

"Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth: Hide not thy face from me."
Psalms No. 143 (7)

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before god?"
Psalms No.27 (9)

The prophet Moses, under the direction of God Almighty told the people to bless each other in the following words:

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee."
Psalms No. 6(24-25)

"With the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion."
Isaiah Chapter 52 (8)

In a similar manner the other prophets and Holy Imams have directed to pray for ourselves in the following words:

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"O Lord, be gracious unto us: we have waited for thee: Be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble."
Isaiah Chapter 33 (2)

"O God, give me life till I see the time of the Divine Leader."
(Jamal-ul-Salheen)

It becomes clear from the preceding references that all the prophets prayed themselves and taught their believers to pray for the establishment of Divine rule. They provided some topics for the prayer and specified the words also for the same. They prescribed some preconditions for the acceptance of prayer so that one who prays should not remain deprived. For example:

" Then if my men who are attributed to me pray humbly and request to see me and leave the bad habits, I shall accept their prayer, forgive their sins and restore their authority."
Chronicles

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments and turn unto the Lord your God : for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."
Joel Chapter 2 (12-13)

"The Lord saith woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! To what end is it for you? The day of the Lord is darkness, (because you are wicked) and not light."
Amos Chapter 5 (18)

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"Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his Judgment, seek righteouness, and seek meekness."
Zephaniah Chapter 2 (3)

"And when you prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets that may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when prayest enter into thy closet, and when you have shut thy door pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when you pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do : for they think that they should be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come."
Matthew Chapter 6 (5-10)

"And he (Jesus Christ) spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint: saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man; and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man: yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming shall weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you he will aveng them

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speedily. Nevertheless when the son of man cometh shall be find faith on the earth."
Luke Chapter 15 (1-8)

" And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares, for as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man."
Luke Chapter 21 (34-36)

It was said by Prophet David:

"Hearken unto voice of my cry, my king, and my God: for unto thee I will pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee and will look up. For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness."
Psalms No.5 (2-4)

Jesus The Christ said: ***"O my disciples pray continuously so that you may be given. Because he gets who asks. Door is opened for one who knocks. One who begs receives. Do not look at plenty of words because Lord knows your hearts. The prophet Solomon was asked, O my slave, give me your heart. I assure you that those are rare who can rightly pray. I truly tell you that really the person who prays without concentration jokes with God. The person who goes for a prayer and does not make himself ready for it his act is no less than the former. He turns his back to Lord and attends to the devil. Then Jesus Christ gives an example from general observation. He says; when someone treats you***

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badly and begs your pardon then he slaps you with both hands how will you forgive him? Similarly Lord does not show any mercy to them whose lips pray O God show mercy to us but they have a love for sin at their hearts and always think out the ways for new sins.

Some persons requested Jesus Christ to teach them some prayer. He replied, Consider, what will you say when Lord God orders to punish you with capital punishment? So when you pray say the similar. The words of your prayer should be like this: O our Lord, O when worship, thy name should be Hallowed. We may see your rule among us. Your will should be done in the earth as it is done in the heaven."

When we take a review of the preceding prayers and preconditions for the acceptance of the same, we see that there is a small list of 'does' and 'don'ts' which are prerequisite for the acceptance of prayers:

Do;s:

i. To follow the orders of God in letter and spirit.
ii. Sincerity and concentration.
iii. To show humbleness, humility and self abasement.
iv. To pray with fast.
v. To weep and mourn.
vi. Tender heartedness
vii. In addition to solitude and seclusion, to make congregational prayer.
viii. Not to show haste viz; not to give up the prayer if it is not fulfilled soon. There should be constancy in prayer.
ix. To repeat prayer time and again.
x. Full concentration on the words of prayer.
xi. Meekness, Patience and tolerance.

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xii. To demand for the vision of God and establishment of Divine rule in preference to personal demands and

xiii. To be ever-ready for accountability.

Don'ts:

To give up the following, goes a long way for acceptance of prayer.

i. To give up sins, even thinking about the same.

ii. To leave the affectation and hypocrisy.

iii. To give up the long long hopes.

iv. To eat only those things which are allowed by religion and are lawfully acquired.

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BENEFITS OF PRAYER FOR THE ETABLISHMENT OF DIVINE RULE

The over emphasis on the prayer for the establishment of Divine rule gives birth to a question in the minds as to what is the utility of this prayer? The benefits of this prayer are countless. In the recent past a book has been published on this topic in two big volumes. Its name is 'Mikial-ul-Makkarim' and it is in Persian language. Those who want to go in details of the matter are requested to study that book. However a few benefits which have already been enumerated in preceding lines are to be essentially recounted.

i. God forgives the sins of the person who prays for the establishment of Divine Rule.
ii. It saves to be ashamed in the bad times.
iii. It also saves in the days of famine, material as well as spiritual.
iv. The Lord will give strength to the persons making this prayer and bless them with peace.
v. The persons making this prayer will be rewarded in this world as well as in the world hereafter.
vi. They will get an everlasting life.
vii. They will inherit the earth and dwell therein for ever.
viii. They will see the salving countenance of God.
ix. Their power viz. The Divine Government will be established soon.
x. An everlasting pleasure will be achieved.
xi. 11- Last and not the least that this prayer is a befitting prayer because if it is fulfilled, the whole system of the universe will be purified

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and the world will become a cradle of peace and prosperity.
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FUTURE

What will happen in future? This is the question which is of equal importance from an individual to a nation. A youngster also wants to know as to what will be his future? Numberless scholars are busy day and night in trying to tell as to what will be the future of this planet, which is called earth. Some tell about the future in the light of politics, other with reference to economics. In short thousands of scholars are expressing their opinion about the future of so many departments of life.

We should not forget the fact that the planet on which we are dwelling contains only 30% of land and the rest is water. Out of this 33%, 13% is also out of the reach of man because it consists of mountains, glaciers, valleys, river sand other things due to which it is not inhabitable. Remaining 20%, on which man resides, has the resources which are sustaining man and animal both. When we talk of future of this planet that means this 20% because this is the land of problems.

All the people who talk about the future; present their estimates about a limited period. Some include in their estimate for one generation only and others two or three more.

The scientists of the present age are of the view that our solar system will run up to 40 or 50 billion years more. Then our small sun will get consumed and it will become dwarfish. If we consider the age of this planet only half a million years instead of 50 billion years, we will not be able to decide as to what will be the future. Meaning to say, after half a million years what will be the total population of this planet? What progress

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the science would make during this period? How much change would Geography under go? What will be our Economic resources and what will be the evolutionary shape of man.

There is a possibility that during this span of time man may destroy all his progress himself. In single or more global wars all the scientific progress made up to this time may come to a naught by big bomb explosions. And thus the man may be forced to live in another stone age. There is also likelihood that man may control the population and make it proportionate to the resources. There is another possibility also that there might be a heavy increase in population and man may not find an inch of land to dwell on. There is yet another possibility which cannot be ruled out that the man may set the atmosphere of some other planet according to his needs and requirements and shift the extra population there. Anyhow nothing can be predicted with certainty in this behalf.

Some scholars are of the opinion that future will see a clash of a few great civilizations on this planet. As a result of it only that civilization will survive which is the strongest. We are observing this phenomenon with regard to the culture and custom these days. There is a collision but in the shape of a bargain. For example, USA has given Michel Jackson to the Yellow races (China, Japan etc.), whereas the yellow races have given them yoga, Judo, Crate, Kingfo etc. It is something else that what America gave is something negative and what she got is something healthy.

USA has bestowed upon poor countries a lot, whereas the poor countries have given her drug mafia and thus have settled the account with USA. This is an interchange and not a clash. The reason for this is that in

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former days this world was considered to be a big one. But now it has contracted. The speedy sources of transportation and electronic media have shortened the distance between the various corners of the world. To copy is the nature of man. This imitation is wrongly being called the transfer of culture. For example if Mara Dona puts a ring in his ear, many young persons put rings in their ears. If Agasi uses loose shirt, many young boys copy him. If some heroin chooses some special hairstyle in a certain drama, the girls try to imitate her. So this is actually imitation and not the transfer of culture, because it does not last long. A man cannot copy another one for a long time.

In these days it has become a fashion to call Islam a civilization and thus make it a bugaboo. It is perhaps being expected by the Westerners that if there is a clash of civilizations, the Islamic Civilization is sure to survive. That is why they are trying to wipe out its values. The real position is that the Westerners fully know that Islam is a religion and not a culture or civilization.

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THE LAST AGE

All the religions of the world unanimously say that the percentage will come to an end and then the universal Leader will appear. The world will achieve universal peace, prosperity and pleasure.

In the time, immediately preceding the movement of that Great Leader, oppression and tyranny will totally enwrap the world. This is bound to happen because when cruelty and tyranny reach their peak; all the nations of the world will direly feel the need of a reliever and reformer. They will be mentally prepared to sincerely accept the call of a reformer by that time. This period of oppression and cruelty will be a test of true believers. During this test and trial 2/3 of the world population will get destroyed. It cannot be said with certainty whether this destruction will be the destruction of religion or physical death. But 2/3 of humanity is to die, spiritually or physically. As it has been mentioned in the book of Zechariah:

"And it shall come to pass, that in all the land saith the Lord, two parts there in shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part to the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people, and they shall say , The Lord is my God."
Zecharia Chapter 13(8-9)

Our Imam Jafar Sadiq (A.S) has told about this time to his companion Abu Baseer:

"The Divine rule will not start until 2/3 of humanity meet death." Abu Baseer requested that if 2/3 of human beings are going to perish what more will

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remain? The reply was, " Are you not content that you will be among the remaining 1/3."

Some of the narratives tell that the death will be of two types. Imam Sadiq (A.S) told that:

At that time two types of death will take place; White death and red death. Red death means murder and wars etc. And the white death means the death by epidemics and chemical weapons in which no blood will flow. The chief of believers Imam Ali (A.S) also told that:

"Divine rule will not start until 1/3 of human being is murdered, 1/3 die and 1/3 will be saved."

It is not possible to chalk out a precise schedule and proper order of the happenings of the future out of the various prophecies and foretelling made by various personalities. I shall, therefore, discuss the personalities only. The first is that there may be a spiritual death, second is that it may be a physical death but within some particular geographical limit. There are different prophecies about different regions made by various personalities. The various prophets deputed to various regions foretold about these particular areas only. Jesus Christ and the prophets immediately preceding him restricted their prophecies only to Jerusalem and Arabian Island. Similarly other spiritual personalities have told about their own particular regions as to what will happen there. I will try to discuss briefly about separate regions.

Jesus Christ has told in detail about the calamities to come in Jerusalem. He has specified the season and the day also.

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"Pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day. For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days should be shortened."

Matthew Chapter 24(20-22)

The prophet Daniel has told even the number of those days. ***"He said to me, it will continue for two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be sanctified."***

There is another thing which has been told both by Christ and Daniel.

"That is some abomination that maketh desolate."

After its setting up, a limit of one thousand two hundred and ninety days has been specified. It means it will last for three years ten months and two days. It was further told that when that abomination is set up, the persons waiting for the right should not quit their homes and wait there. It was further said, ***"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days."***

Daniel Chapter 12(12)

The total period of the days given in the preceding lines come to six years and one month or so that is a very terrific period.

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PURGING OF THE EARTH

All the revealed and religious books tell with one accord that when the Divine Leader will lay the foundation of Divine Government, the hardened criminals of this world will make an unfruitful effort to impede him. Thus there will be so many battles between the Representative of God Almighty and the Devil. Zorastor has foretold that there will be a last battle between the ungramenu and Supuntamenu viz. God and Devil. The forces of God Almighty will be victorious. The duration of this battle is also not known. We are not sure whether this fight will simultaneously enwrap whole of the world or there will be a region-wise conquest to establish the Divine rule. The Holy Quran has mentioned even the words of the order of the war:

"And fight them until mischief of Devil is no more, and religion is all for Allah."
Al-Anfal(The Spoils of War 39)

"Allah willed that He should cause the Truth to triumph by his words and cut the root of the disbelievers."
Al-Anfal(The Spoils of War 7)

"Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers."
Al-Tauba (Repentance 14)

"When ye! meet in battle, Those who disbelieve, then smite their necks."
Al-Muhammad (4)

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It has been told in the explanation of the preceding verses of the Holy Quran presented by the Holy Prophet's Family, that the same relate to the last age. The representatives of the Devil will make an international alliance to fight with the Divine forces. The prophet David told this fact in the following words:

"Why do thee heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed, saying let us break their hands as under, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heaven shall laugh: The lord shall have then in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

Psalms No. 2(1-6)

It has been told by the prophet Samuel about the end of the opposing forces:

"The pillars of the earth are the Lord's and he has set the world upon them. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: The Lord shall judge the ends of the earth."

Samuel (I) Chapter 2(8&10)

All the religious books of the world make a mention of this revolution and war against the non-believers. The difficulty for me is how to bring in order, all the incidents of the coming time which are lying scattered in these books. It is rather next to impossible. For example, I can write the incidents of that war, I can tell about the specialties, style of war and arms and

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weapons of the Divine Forces but I am unable to tell as to when and where the first attack will be made? Similarly the latter sequence of the battles also cannot be told. The collection of scattered incidents of wars in the various religious books brings us to a conclusion that the C.IN.C of that war will be one and the same personality, although different religions have given him different names. It also appears that the bits of a single picture are lying scattered here and there in the said books.

When the last Great Leader will arrange to bring about a universal revolution, he will first of all bring together those sincere companions who will whole-heartedly support his movement and will be strong enough to face the whole world for it. This has been told by various prophets in their own manner. Holy Quran says:

"Allah will soon bring a people whom He loveth and who love Him, humble toward believers, stern toward disbeliever, striving in the way of Allah, and fearing not the blame of any blamer. Such is the grace of Allah which He giveth unto whom he will."
Al-Maeda (The Table Spread 54)

At another place in the Holy Quran the companions of the last Leader have been termed as '***Strong support***'.
Al-Hud (80)

It has been told by Imam Sadiq (A.S) about the said companions that "***each one of them will be having power of 40 young persons. Their hearts will be stronger than steel. If they attack a mountain, they will push it back. They will not put their swords into sheaths until they please their God."***
(Kate-ul-Bayan)

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They have been named as 'other or better nation' in another place in the Holy Quran.

"I swear by the Lord of the rising places and the setting places of the planets that We are Able to replace them (by others) better than them. And we are not to be outrun."

Al-Maarij (The Ascendig Stairways 40-41)

The book of Jeremiah provides:

" Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel saith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. Their quiver is an open sepulchre. They are all mighty men,"

Jeremiah Chapter 5(15-16)

"Behold , thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord Thy God and for the Holy one of Israel; for he hath glorified thee."

Isaiah Chapter.55(5)

"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. For he hath looked down from the heights of his sanctuary: from heaven did the Lord behold the earth: To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death: To declare the name of the Lord in Zion and his prays in Jerusalem. When the people are gathered together, and the kingdom to serve the Lord."

Psalms No.102(18-22)

These few references show the quality of the helpers, assistants and the companions of the last Great

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Leader. It also becomes clear that the companions will be his contemporaries, who will present themselves to him from various countries. Holy Quran says: ***"Verily a direction has been prescribed for everyone to which he turns his face. So you should take lead to perform good deeds. Lord will gather you from where-ever you will be. He has control over every thing."***
Al-Baqarah (The Cow)

In Tafseer-e-Ayashi it has been said that Lord the Beneficent will bring together the companions of the Great Reformer from various corners of the world. They will assemble like the spring clouds. Some of them will lie at their beds at night and when they awake, they will find themselves in the court of their Great Leader. Others will ride the clouds in the day and reach there. Some will go on foot and reach there at once.

"All shall become faint but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary' and they shall walk, and not faint."
Isaiah Chapter 40(31)

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds."
Jeremiah Chapter 23(3)

"I will gather them that are sorrowful for solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. I will undo all that afflict thee."
Zephaniah Chapter 3(18-19)

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It is proved from the preceding quotations that the righteous and pious people, irrespective of their religion will assemble form wherever they may be. They will come like troops and assist the Great Leader. A question arises as to the number of persons who will assemble first of all? The Traditions divide them in two groups:

i. Companions and Adjutants:- They will be 313 and will reach the very first night. 50 women will be in addition to them.

ii. Helpers and Assistants:- They are 10,000 in number as told by Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S) when oath of allegiance will be taken at Faran mountain, the number of people gathering there will be 10,000.

"The Lord came from Sinai and rose up from Seir unto them. He shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints. From his right hand went a fiery law for them. yea he loved the people."

Deuteronomy Chapter 33(2-3)

It means that at the start of the movement there will be 10363 individuals but later on the number will increase because all the pious and righteous persons of the religions other than Islam will join the movement. The Great Leader will bring out the sacred Box of Israelites from the cave of Antakia mountain as a proof of his Divine Authority. It is told that then the Jews will embrace Islam and their number will be 30,000. Similarly the oppressed and deprived persons of other religions will at once join him for assistance. This is the explanation of sura Nasr of Quran made by Holy Imams:

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"When Allah's succored and triumph cometh thou seest mankind entering the religion of Allah in troops."

Syed Hasani and a big portion of his army will join the Divine troops. Shoeb, the son of Saleh and Sheikh Yamani will also join along with major portion of their armies. In a similar way millions of people will accept the Divine call. Various scriptures tell that the pious and righteous persons of the past 'Ummahs' of Prophets will come to life again and join the new revolution. It cannot be told that how many persons of any period will be recalled. But this much stands sure that the pious people of every prophet's time will come back in this world.

Prophet Nehemiah while repeating the promise made by Moses says: ***"But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments and do them, though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there."***
Nehemiah Chapter 1(9)

This promise was made to the whole race of Israel.

"All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him."
Psalms No.22(9)

The references in this connection can be multiplied. The Traditions mention some of the persons by name that they will join the forces of the Great Leader after they are brought to life once again. 313 individuals, who will arrive in the first lot, include 15 persons from Israelites who will be brought to life. Moses, Yusha son of Noon, the believer from Pharaoh's

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family, and seven sleepers of the cave are also among the said 313. Shamoon Pitrus who disappeared alive will also be among the first lot. Some persons relating to the time of Jesus Christ will also join the Divine forces. Similarly some other non-Muslim righteous persons after being given new life, are also to join and assist the Great Leader. Some of the Companions of the Last Prophet (P.B.U.H) will also be given a new life such as Sulman-e-Muhammadi, Abu-Dajana etc. In addition to human troops, the army of angels has also been mentioned in all the scriptures to assist the Greet Leader. It has been told in Tafseer Kate-ul-Bian and Ayashi etc. that angel Gabriel will come in the shape of a white bird near the spout of Kaaba and will take the oath of allegiance first of all. God will send 5000 marked angels for the help of the Greet Leader, The angels, who came to help Imam Hussein (A.S) in Karbala, 3000 in number, will also join the Divine forces. So it cannot be said with certainty as to what will be the real number of the troops.

The arrival of angels is proved from other books in addition to the Islamic literature.

"Lord my God shall come and all the saints with thee."
Zecharia Chapter 14(5)

" For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."
Matthew Chapter 16(27)

In that golden age all the past prophets who are 1,24,000 in number are to come back again in this world with their pious followers. The angels of the earth and sky are also to come. It cannot be said definitely whether all the prophets will come simultaneously or one after

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the other, or with some prescribed intervals. Anyhow this much is sure that they are to come back in this world and are to fulfill their promises with their followers, in the time of the last Great Leader.

In all the books of 'Ghaibat' (Disappearance) it has been told that when the Great Leader reaches Kufa and stay at 'Vadi-us-Slam' 70,000 truthful persons will be brought to life by him. Each one of them will come out of his grave saying ***"I am at your service."*** Later on they will join his army. When he will reach Kufa an army of 46,000 angels will be with him in addition to 6000 soldiers of genii.

In short a big army will be there to assist him in which there will be no old man. All the soldiers will be young. The following Tradition can help us to judge the number of his army to some extent. Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S.) says: " The encampment of the Great Leader will be spread in 49 Miles" The following prophets will also come in this world once again to join the Divine Army: Moses, Yusha son of Noon Saleh, Shoeb , Ayub. The later prophet himself says I will rise on the last day with my body and will see my reliever with my own eyes. The following persons will also join: Khizer, Idrees, Ilyas, and Jesus Christ. Out of the companions of the Holy Prophet the following will join: Salman, Abu Dujana s/o Harasah Tamimi, Miqdad S/o Aswad, Malik-e-Ashter. Four persons from the progeny of Imam Hussein (A.S) and four persons from the progeny of Aqeel (A.S).

"And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the Children of the kingdom shall be cast

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out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

St.Matthew Chapter 8(11-12)

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CLAMOURS

The scriptures relate as to how the prophets, angels and human beings will be called. They will be brought together by following methods.

i. A call from heaven.
ii. A terrible thunder, a big roar or a great explosion.
iii. Soor or Horn (This is made of horn of animal). Some use the cover of the shell for this purpose.
iv. A call and declaration made by a personality who will appear in the sun up to waist and
v. The angels who will be employed to send for the people.

Out of these sources it cannot be told which will be used first and so on. The Holy Quran makes a mention of these as follows:

"And listen carefully when a proclaimer will proclaim from a very short distance."

"The day when the people will hear a big roar. They will hear it surely. This will be the day of emergence."

" Verily, we gave life and we gave death. All are to come to us."

"When the earth will burst and they will come out running. To assemble them in this way is easy for us."

It has been told in Tafseer Kate-ul-Bian that Imam Sadiq (A.S) said this right roar will be about our

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Qaim (A.S) (the Last Great Leader). The Quranic verse which says God Almighty will help his prophets in their life and on a particular day also. This 'particular day' is a reference to the day when the last Great Leader will emerge. On that day a proclaimer will proclaim the name of the Great Leader with the name of his father. There will be proclamations to be heard by every one:

i. “O people, hear that the curse of God is on the cruels.”

ii. That which was to come, has come.

iii. A human body will appear in the sun and will proclaim: “O’ people, one who was to come, has come. “Then he will give the full introduction tracing the lineage of the Great Leader to his Great Grand Father Ali (A.S), the chief of believers. The Holy Quran further says:

"It is but one shout and behold them brought together before us."
yasin (52)

"The day, when the trumpet is blown. On that day we assemble the guilty whiteeyed, (with terror)”
Al-Taha(102)

"A day when the trumpet is blown and ye come in multitudes"
Al-Naba(The Tiding 18)

" And when the trumpet shall sound one blast."
Al-Haqqah (The Reality 13)

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A NECESSARY EXPLANATION

I want to make it clear to my reader that the concept of big Doom's day is prevalent in all the revealed religions and side by side there is a mention of smaller doom:

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great Chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and satan and bound him 1000 years, and cast him to the bottom-less pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and Judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, (Devil) neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection."

Revelation Chapter 20(1-6)

In the similar manner the Holy Quran also mentions two resurrections, small and big. As there is a concept of only one resurrection among masses, therefore all the verses about both are taken without distinction about one- the final dooms day. There is no obvious sign provided by Quran that may facilitate us to distinguish as to what verse means the previous or final dooms day. The explainers of the holy Quran found an

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easy solution of this problem and applied all the verses to the final one. This is not a good solution. We have another authentic source for understanding the holy Quran. The Holy Book has itself made a reference to this:

"If you don't know, ask 'Ahl-e-Zikr' viz. The family of Holy prophet. When we refer to this source, we find a big collection of traditions which not only gives the concept of two doom's days but also draws a line of distinction between the two. Various Traditions show that the smaller doom's day has been given many names in the Holy Quran which are given on the next page

Some of these names are common for the both. The Holy Imams have clearly explained them. With the concept of two last days, many verses of Quran to this effect can easily be understood. With one last day in mind we cannot understand the dialogue between God Almighty and Devil at the advent of the Creation of Adam (A.S) told by Holy Quran; when Devil was pushed out of heaven, he requested for a respite till the final Doom's day. Almighty God turned down his demand and allowed him a respite up to a specified point of time. It means that there are two dooms, one is the final and the other up to which the permission has been granted to the devil. He will not be allowed to live after this period and will beheaded, lest he should torment God ,s beloved persons.

The religions other than Islam provide that he will be chained, whereas Islamic Literature shows that he will be put to death .

Youm _ ul _ Din	Youm _ Ullah
Youm _ ul _ Ashahad	Youm _ ul _ Kharooj

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Youm Yaqumurooh	Youm _ ul _ Hisab
Qariah	Azfaa
Haqah	Saat
Youm _ ul _ Jomah	Youm _ ul _ mulaq
Youm _ ul _ Jamma Almiad	Youm _ ul _ Rajaat
Youm _ ul _ Azab _ ul _ Adna	Youm _ ul _ Maood
Akhrah	Youm _ ul _ Jaza
Youm _ ul _ Zalzaal	Ghashiah
Youm _ Tubli assrair	Youm _ ul _ Azeem

The preceding explanation was necessary because some one may not take us as not believing in big Doom's day. The reasons for small resurrection are better known to God Almighty, but what we can understand is that if we review the various periods of all the prophets, we find that invariably the masses remained divided into three groups.

i. Those, which believed in prophets and made sacrifices;
ii. Those who opposed them and subjected them to all sort of cruelty;
iii. Those, which remained neutral viz. They neither sided nor opposed the Prophets. The problems of their lives did not allow them to attend to their prophets. This group includes those also who were living in far flung areas and could not reach or even know the respective prophets. For

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example the preaching of Jesus Christ remained limited only to Israel, Jordan and Syria and to the partial areas of Iraq, Turkey and Rome. Far East, China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, India, Nepal etc. remained deprived of it. The same happened in time of the Holy Prophet. (P.B.U.H) 23 years of his preaching were only specifically for Arabia. America, Russia and other countries could not take any benefit. The residents of these countries are therefore to be taken as neutral.

So the small Doom's day is specifically meant for this group. On the said day the other two group will also be called but for a short while. The oppressors and the oppressed both will be called and the oppressed will be avenged. The oppressors will be handed over to the oppressed. The Holy Quran says:

"Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers. And he will remove the anger of their hearts."
Al-Tauba(14-15)

"The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the he blood of the wicked. So that a man shall say, verily there is a reward for righteous: Verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth."
Psalms-58(10-11)

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt."
Daniel 12(2)

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"And ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."
Malachi 4(3)

Many quotations can be cited more to show that the small resurrection is for a particular class of people and the final doom's day will be for the whole of the creation. This is the concept prevalent in all the living religions.

Period of War

In the start of the last Great Reformer's rule all the Devilish forces will unite and will make a combined attempt to thwart the Divine revolution. At this juncture there will be a clash of Divine and Devilish forces and in a way, it will be a world war.

"Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed saying, Let us break their bands, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."
Psalms-2(1-6)

This shows the alliance of unrightful group on the other hand the Great Leader will reorganize his troops in emergency and will send for his helpers.

"The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the

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kingdoms of nations gathered together: The Lord of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye: for the day of the lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction form the Almighty."
Isaiah-13(4-6)

"And he will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly: none shell be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed nor the latchet of their shoes be broken; whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bend their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint and their wheels like whirlwind: Their roaring shall be like a lion, They shall roar like young lions: yea they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it. And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring the sea."
Isaiah-5(26-30)

This army has been described in the new Testament of Matthew as follows:

"And whoso ever shall fall on this stone shall be broken but on whom so ever it shall fall it will grind him to powder."
Chapter 21(44)

The preparations of war made by the Great Divine Leader have been described thus:

"For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation on his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. According to their deeds,

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accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Isaiah-59(17-19)

The Holy Imam Sadiq (A.S) says: "Those fighters will be such that their will be callosities in their foreheads due to abundant praying. They will be lions in the day and monks at night. They will be God fearing but their fearless hearts will be harder than steel. Each one of them will have the power of forty youths in him. They will not kill anyone except the nonbelievers and hypocrites. They have been described in the Holy Quran as 'stamped'"

When this army become ready there will be an order from the Divine Leader for attack. Countless oppressors and opponents will be put to sword. Some of the soldiers of Divine forces will also get martyred. Every such martyr will be rewarded better than the martyrs of the battle of Badar. Some Traditions say that each one will get a reward in heaven equal to seventy martyrs of Badar. The past prophets told their believers about this Great War:

"When I have ... rose up the sons, O Zion, against they sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the Lord shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightening: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of the hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bows, and as the corners of the altar. And the Lord their God shall

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save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown lifted up as an ensign upon his land."
Zechiah 9(13-16)

"The heathen raged, The Kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge."
Psalms 46(6-7)

"Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden there of is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire."
Isaiah 30(27)

"For Thus hath the Lord spoken unto me like as the lion and a young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him. He will not be afraid of their voice. Nor abase himself for the noise of them: So shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion and for the hill thereof."
Isaiah-31(4-5)

"A great people and strong: There hath not been ever the like, neither shall be anymore after it to the years of many generations. As the morning spread upon the mountains, a fire devoureth before them and behind them a flame burneth: The land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horse men, so shall they run. Like The noise of Chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of the flame of the fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people shall be much

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pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks. Neither shall and thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: The sun and the moon shall dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. And the Lord shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the Land is great and very terrible."

Joel -2(2-9,11)

The Holy Quran says: ***"By the snorthing Coursers, Striking sparks of fire; and scouring to the raid at dawn; Then, therewith, with their trail of dust; Cleaving, a one, the center (of the foe)."***

Al-Aadiat(coursers)(1-5)

"No one knows the number of God Almighty forces except He Himself."

Al-mudussir

"By those who set the ranks in battle order and those who drive away (the wicked) with reproof. And those who read the Word) for a reminder. "

Al-Safat(Those Who Set The Ranks 1-3)

"God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power. Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. He stood, and measured the earth; he beheld, and drove asunder the nations."

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Habakkuk-13(3-6)

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hear ken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is there in; the world and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the Land is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out, of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their hosts shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine and as a falling fig from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to Judgment. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood... For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompenses."

Isaiah 34(1-6, 8)

The Holy Quran says: ***"And they esteem not Allah as He hath the right to be esteemed, when the whole earth is his handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens are rolled in his right hand."***

Al-Zumar(The Troops)(67)

"The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his Holy habitation, he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth: for The Lord hath controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord... And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one

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end of the earth unto the other end of the earth: They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried."
Jeremiah-25(30-31, 33)

"Now also will I hive sentence against them. Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his Chariots shall be as a whirlwinds: his horses are swifter than eagles (The oppressors will say) Woe unto us! For we are spoiled."
Jeremiah-4(12-13)

"The sun and moon stood still in their habitation at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heaven in anger. Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people."
Habakkuk-3(11-13)

"Because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land."
Zephanish-1(17-18)

"He is a great king over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and nations under our feet. he shall choose inheritance for us."
Psalms 47(1-3)

"But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his trespasses. That thy foot may be dipped in the blood

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of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same."
Psalma68(21,23)

"The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty and upon everyone that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low."
Isaiah 2(11-13)

"He will make an utter end... for while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry."
Nahum-1(9-10)

"Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the lord thy God? Mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets."
Micah-7(10)

"Then earth shook and trembled: the foundation of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: Coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he road upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the winds. And he made darkness pavilions round about him dark water, and thick Clouds of the sky. Through the brightness before him, were coals of fire kindled. The Lord thundered from heaven and the most

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High uttered his voice. And he sent out arrows, and scattered them, lightening and discomfited them."
II Samuel-22(8-15)

"The day cometh, that shall burn as an oven and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."
Malaki-4(1)

There are similar references to the vengeance to be taken for the martyrs of Karbala in the books of various prophets.

"For this is the day of the Lord God of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord God of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates."
Jeremiah-46(10)

"Behold, The whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind; it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until he has done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it."
Jeremiah-30(23-24)

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with died garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like

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him that treadeth in the wine fat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people. There was with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."

Isaiah-63(1-4)

In the preceding lines I have tried to delineate a few scenes as told by scriptures, of the Great War which will be waged between the Divine and Devilish forces. Their end also becomes clearly known. As all the information given by the various scriptures is concordant, therefore it becomes evident that the personality to emerge in the future is one and the same, one who was promised by the past prophets... the Greet Divine Reformer. (May Lord Send Him Soon)

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FALSE CHRISTS

A question crops up in the mind as to who will be those who will try to impede the golden revolution and spiritual system? How will they bring the people around them and what type of persons will support them? The answer to this question has been supplied in the scriptures which say that the foremost of them will be false Christs. They will be the followers of Sufiyani, Dajjal etc. This too has been told in detail in the prophecies and signs about the last age. Jesus Christ told the symptoms of such persons in the following words:

"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,(who so readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains. let him which is on the house top not come down to take anything out of his house. Neither let him, which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woes unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days. But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, Neither on the Sabbath day. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

St. Matthew Chapter 24 (15-22)

When the people requested Jesus Christ to tell them when shall these things happen and what shall be their signs? He replied:

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"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."
St. Matthew Chapter 24 (4-5, 11-13)

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; in so much that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
St. Matthew Chapter 24 (23-27)

"And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be yet not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet."
St. Mark Chapter 13 (5-7)

"And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass, but the end is not by and by."
St. Luke Chapter 21 (8-9)

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The sings of Dajjal (anti Christ great deceiver) as told in the Traditions of the Holy prophet (P.B.U.H) are as follows:

i. He will be squint-eyed or one-eyed.
ii. He will turn up in the last age.
iii. His slogan will be: “Today is the day of Freedom"
iv. He will show astounding things.
v. He will make a close search in depths of the Seas.
vi. He will fly towards the sun for a stroll.
vii. A mountain of smoke will precede him.
viii. There will be a mountain of edibles at his back.
ix. He will cover the distance of months in moments.
x. He will be having only one eye in the centre of his forehead.
xi. If he walks, his every step will be equal to one mile.
xii. His conveyance will be green and ash colored and there will be written in its forefront 'Kafir 'or' Kufr' (disbeliever) or (disbelief).
xiii. He will be having a power to make the rivers and springs dry.
xiv. His movement will start form the eastern side of old Seestan (Iran) or from village 'yahodia' of Isphehan (Iran)
xv. His name 'Dajjal' (a big cheater) has been derived from the word 'Dajl' (to cheat).
xvi. He will rais his voice which will be heard in east, west and every corner of the world. He will say 'O my companions come and support me. All the Economic resources are in my hand." Then he will proudly tell about his inventions.

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xvii. He will be proud, stern and troublesome. He will be so outspoken that he will say "I am your God Almighty". He will reward those who will obey him and kill or crusify those who will not.

xviii. He will impose his system and government all over the world except Mecca and Medina which will remain safe from his influence. Some say that Jerusalem will also be safe, where he will attack in the last and

xix. In his last days two very loud voices will be heard throughout this world. One will be from the west and the other form the east. The western will lead the people astray and the eastern will invite them to Co-operate with the Right. The Divine and Devilish forces will assemble in their respective camps. The colour of the sun at this moment will first grow pale then blackish Then it will become totally dark.

This will be the time of 'Tamatul-Kubra' and appearance of 'Dabatul-Arz'. Simultaneously Sufiyani of Ummayads will also emerge who will create a lot of disturbance on the face of the earth. Three million persons will be killed at this time. A Christian will also appear with his army who will join the righteous group at the end. Most dangerous of all these afflictions, is the affliction of Dajjal. It has been told about him that he will be having his own paradise and hell.

A question arises as to what type of people will support him and how will he be able to win their sympathies?

The answer to it is that there are two methods to lead the people astray.

1. By dint of temptation.
2. By terror.

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Dajjal will be equipped with both. He will attract the pious people by astonishing and miraculous deeds and will thus lead them astray. It has been told in the books that his group will comprise of women of questionable character. Fornicators and bastards from among the Jews, Christians, Arabs and other desert persons, having bad character, will join him. It has been told that they will be having a coverlet of green cloth at their shoulders. The book of Prophet Daniel tells that:

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hands; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision, for it shall be for many days."

Daniel Chapter 8 (23-26)

"wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled."

Ezekiel Chapter 7 (24)

"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof in nigh."

St. Luke Chapter 21 (20)

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It has also been told that Dajjal will have two Chances to lead the people astray. He will be slain both the times. Firstly he will be killed by Jesus Christ at the place called 'Kannasa-e-Koofa'. Secondly in Israel at Mount Afeeq in the afternoon of Friday.(Including Syria and Jordan).

In the Revelation of St. John a mention has been made of a dragon who will be kept in confinement for a thousand year. It is just possible that Dajjal might be the same dragon, because it is known that the Devil will be killed at a specified point of time. Anyhow the reality is better known to God Almighty.

Point for Consideration:-

The preceding prophecies present many lessons at one hand and at the other invite the attention of naked society of Europe and America to the point that dereliction of Divine rule will result in a disaster. The western world today is making a fun of legal marriages. The illegitimate offspring is not considered objectionable. Adultery has become every-day routine. They should think over the behest of Jesus Christ who said:

"It is batter to set a city on fire than to give custom to a bad deed." Simultaneously he said:

"If some one divorces his wife due to a fault other than adultery, he is guilty of pushing his wife to adultery."

It is a pity that the followers of such a Prophet are committing incest and fornication as a token of civilization. They are giving birth not to their sons and daughters but they are procreating soldiers of Dajjal, fuel

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for hell and enemies of Jesus Christ and Moses. They are levying the army for Devil in the name of their offspring, who will go to hell along with their parents. The prophet Moses has clearly said:

"A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord, even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord."
Deuteronomy Chapter 23 (2)

If the follower of Moses give currency to fornication and insist to make addition to the number of bastards, and get the resolution passed from assemblies to finish the matrimony, it is better that they should cease to call themselves as the followers of pious personalities like Moses and Jesus Christ. Instead of defaming them, they should not call themselves Jews and Christians. They should choose some other label for themselves. They should call themselves anti-God or something like that. I would like to make the similar request to Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs that they should give prior importance to matrimony in accordance with the rules, set forth by their respective religions, They should guard the purity of their respective races because marriage is a sacred link between a man and woman and it should not be wasted and lost for carnal luxury. It should be observed like a religious obligation so that the offspring may not be of a Devilish race.

Coming again to the main point, the duration of Dajjal, Sufiyani and the false Christs will remain for six years. This is a very dangerous period and it has been said for this time that:

"Those who will make haste will be ruined."
To follow every false Christ in haste will definitely end into destruction. In such a situation it is better to wait so

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that the difference between Right and Wrong becomes visible. This will facilitate the support of Right.

Explanation:

Those who are fully acquainted with the trends and temperament of revealed books know it that the language used in scriptures is generally metaphoric. For example a ram and his horns or a river or a stone are mentioned and then are interpreted for government and rulers. Similarly when we read about Dajjal, it also appears to be a metaphor, because the specialties and signs attributed to him are found in some party, country, nation or system.

The Traditions about Dajjal and other Devilish leaders are so copious that a separate book is required for the same. In brief; the same tells that there will be about sixty persons who will claim to be Jesus Christ. An equal number will proclaim their Prophet hood. Dajjal will be the most dangerous of all.

Movement of Dajjalism:

As already told this trouble will start from Iran but it will gain support from Syria and Palestine. Those who will support it will be bastards. The women of base character will also be among supporters. They will attract the lecherous and debauchees. This party will comprise of Christians, Jews and Muslims of bad character. There is a Tradition of the Holy Prophet that

"A big lot of my followers will follow Dajjal". They will be superstitious people who will be allured by astonishing feats and miraculous deeds of Dajjal and will believe in him because that cursed person will cure the

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blind, lepers and .He will be having heaps of edibles. He will be of brown colour with curly hair. His left eye will be sightless or he will be a squint- eyed. His right eye will have a cataract of grape size.

His conveyance will fly in the air which will be 60 feet or one mile wide. He will claim himself to be a Prophet or God. Those who will not accept him as such will be killed or put to torture. Those who will believe in him will become heathens. Five thousand Jewish scholars will be accompanying him who will be having green pieces of cloth on their shoulders. He will rove the whole earth but will not be able to enter Mecca and Madina.

During his reign 'Daba-tul-Arz' will emerge and after the Jesus Christ will descend from heaven, who will kill Dajjal at mount Afeeq or at Ladda gate of Palestine. (There is a big airport of Israel at Ladda these days :) In the reign of Dajjal, countless righteous people will be killed ruthlessly and. As a consequence the wrong doers will also be slaughtered by the Divine forces mercilessly. It has been said in the Holy Quran:

"And, when they felt Our might, behold them fleeing from it (but it was said unto them). Flee not, but return to that (existence) which emasculated you and to your dwellings that ye may be questioned. They cried: Alas for us! Lo! We were wrong doers. And this their crying ceased not till We made them as reaped corn, extinct."

Al-Umbiya (Prophets 12-15)

In the explanation of the preceding verses of Quran it has been said that only at the place named 'Kharooq' 3 million persons will be killed and they will be lying like reaped crops or dead ashes.

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It has been told in the book of Zechariah:

"Behold the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle."

Zechariah Chapter 14 (1-3)

It means that when Jerusalem will be besieged, people of all beliefs will be in the army of false Christ. They will take over the control of half of the city. Then the Jesus Christ will descend from heaven and 'Daba-tul-Arz' viz Elia (A.S) will emerge from the earth. All the nations will be called to present themselves there. During the reign of Dajjal the following programme has been given to act upon: ***"Come, my people, enter thou into thy Chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpass. For, behold the lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain."***

Isaiah Chapter 26(20-21)

" And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth"

Zechariah Chapter 14(12)

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In Revelation of St. John the incidents of Dajjal have been narrated in symbolic manner.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

" And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: And they worshiped the beast, saying, who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

"And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindred, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of the life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man has an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Revelation Chapter 13(1-10)

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Towards the close of the said chapter it has been stated that he will force every person of the society to receive his mark. This mark will be the number of a man which is six hundred three score and six (666). We are unable to understand the real importance of 666 for the present. It is possible that it might be deciphered in the coming days.

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WORTHY ELIA (A.S.)

Many religions are waiting for Elia (A.S). There is difference between names but the personality and his specialties are the same. The Jews and Christians know him by the name of Elia(A.S). But in Islam he has been presented in different ways. The sum and substance is as follows:

i. He will come before the appearance of Christ. Christ will not take long after his (Elia's) arrival.

ii. He will pave the way for his successors and will facilitate the recognition between the righteous and the wrong doers.

iii. Either slightly before or along with him will come three Prophets namely Akhnukh (Idrees), Khizer and Ilias (A.S), and Christ will come after all of these.

iv. He will be having a rod and a ring viz. the rod of Moses and ring of Solomon. He will touch the foreheads of individuals with the ring and their reality will become imprinted. It will be clearly written whether the said individual is a believer or a non believer.

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THE CONCEPT OF ELIA

" Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to their children, and the hart of the children's to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."
Malachi Chapter 4(5-6)

"Surely the Lord's friend, Akhnukh, who kept his vow with God and did not care for the whole world and was transported to paradise. He will remain there till the last age. Towards the end of the world he will come back along with Elia and another one (Khizer).
Testament of Burnbas Chapter.144

"I shall come a little before the end of this world. Akhnukh and Elia will be accompanying me and we shall bear witness over all the evil doers who have been cursed."
Testament of Burnbas chapter. 52

"Behold, I will send my messenger (Elia), and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, and like a fuller's soap. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi."
Malachi Chapter 3(1-3)

"And his disciples asked him, saying, why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus

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answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things."
St. Matthew Chapter 17(11-12)

The concept of the last Great Leader was already prevalent among Jews and they called him by the name of 'Massia' but along with this they also awaited the arrival of Elia(A.S) and considered it as certain. They also feared his might because when the Christ was crucified he cried with loud voice on the crucifix

"Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachtchani?"
Matthew Chapter 27(46)

On hearing this, a soldier ran speedily, took a sponge, filled it with vinegar and put it on reed and gave him to drink. This was due to the fact that the Christ was calling out Elia loudly and they feared lest some affliction should overtake them. Some of the on-lookers said," let us see how Elia saves him?" some of the Jews were certain that Christ himself was Elia who had come to pave the way for the last Great Divine Leader, because the Christ usually used to say,

"O people, be penitent because the rule of the Lord is at hand."

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying do men say that I the son of man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias, and other, Jeremiahs, or one of the prophets."
St.Matthew Chapter 16(13-14)

In all the five Testaments there is an anecdote: Christ took his disciples to mount Olive. He was transfigured before them and his face did shine as the sun and his raiment was white as the light and he talked to Moses and Elia.

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(St. Matthew Chapter 17(2-4), Mark-9)

This proves that Elia's body is made of light. He will appear in the last age with the rod of Moses and the ring of Solomon.

"When that messenger of God will come he will be given a thing similar to a ring. He will bring salvation and blessings for all the nations of the earth who will accept his message. He will come upon the oppressors with a heavy hand. Idolatry wills cease. The Devil will be humiliated. This was the vow made to Abraham (A.S)."
Testament of Burnbas 43

It means that one sign of Elia is that he will be having a special ring. Its utility has been described by St. John in his Revelation.

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea. Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, not the trees, till we have scaled the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forth and four thousand of all the tribes of the Children of Israel."
Revelation Chapter 7(2-4)

It means that the foreheads of the 12,000 persons from each tribe will be sealed. The chapter 9 of the Revelation of St. John tells that a great chastisement will be brought on the earth, a great smoke will arise out of a pit out of that smoke locusts will come out and they will

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be asked to put the people to torture except those who had the seal of God in their foreheads.

When we study the Discourses of the Chief of the believers (Hazrat Ali A.S) we find a clear sentence that 'I am the Elia who has been mentioned in the Testament.' Literally there is difference of 'A' only between 'Ali' and 'Elia' which has been made 'Elija' in English. At another place in the said discourses it has been said 'I am the owner of the rod and ring.' It has been further said I am one who has to walk on the earth during the last age and the great uproar also, about which Holy Quran says:
"When there will be great uproar." In many Traditions of the Holy Prophet of Islam through different references it has been told that after the revelation of sura Namal (The Ant), Holy Prophet called the Chief of believers (Hazrat Ali A.S) as Daba-tul-Arz. The Holy Quran says:

"And when the word is fulfilled concerning them, we shall bring forth Daba-tul-Arz to speak unto them, because mankind had not faith in our revelation. And (remind them of) the Day when We shall gather out of every nation a host of those who denied Our revelation and they will be set in array. And the word will be fulfilled concerning them because they have done wrong, and they will not speak."
Al-Namal(The Ant) (82-83,85)

After stamping the foreheads of the people, Daba-tul-Arz will raise his head and will cast his look at the farthest corners of east and west. At that time the sun of righteousness will rise up from the west and the gate of penitence will be closed. It will be of no use to anyone to accept Islam on that day. If someone might be a Muslim and has not reclaimed himself, his Islam will not be of any avail to him.

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The Great Divine Reformer will appear in Kaaba between Rukn and Muqam. Simultaneously Christ will descend from heaven in Palestine. Before his arrival the forces of Dajjal will be subjected to various afflictions by God Almighty. Another quality of Elia(A.S) which has been told in some books is that he will appear in the sun and will introduce the last Great Reformer to the masses at large throughout the universe. ***"I have raised up One from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar and as the potter treadeth clay."***
Isaiah Chapter 41(25)

The Islamic literature tells that the emergence of the Great Leader will be in the month of Rajab. Three loud voices will resound in the space:

1. "Curse of the Lord is on oppressors.
2. O, the host of believers, he has come who was awaited.
3. A person will appear in the sun and will give the full introduction of the Last Great Leader saying to the believers that "your woes are now ended. Lord God will heal your wounded hearts and give them ideal peace."

"But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings: And ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked: for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet, saith the Lord of hosts."
Malachi Chapter 11(2-3)

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DESCENDING OF JESUS CHRIST:

The information about the descending of Jesus Christ is contained in the books of Jews, Christians and Muslims. It is something else that Jews may interpret the same according to their own notions and thus find a way to negate it.

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion in an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."
Daniel Chapter 7(13-14)

The interpretation of this dream is available in the same Chapter which says:

"But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."
Danial Chapter 7(18)

I have already quoted these references in connection with the Government of the last Great Reformer. This too is one and the same Government which has been called as God's Government. Christ had proclaimed about it during his life time and told the people to wait. He further said: 'do not be careless, we may reappear at any moment.'

" But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But

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as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doeth come."

St. Matthew Chapter 24(36-39, 42)

The descending of Jesus Christ has been described in the Islamic books as follows:
Holy Imam Muhammad Baqir (A.S) says: In the days of emergence of our Qaim A.S. (The Last Great Leader) Jesus Christ will also come. There will be no Jew who will not believe in him. Persons of all the religions will believe in him. In the explanation of the Quranic verse, it has been said that Jesus Christ is one of the introductory signs of the emergence of the last Divine Leader. The cursed Dajjal, who has been called a fast moving snake also, will attack Palestine. His reign will be very troublesome for righteous people. He will send his troops to various countries to harass the public. He will send 1,30,000 soldiers to Kufa in Iraq. This army in fact will be an alliance of Dajjal and Sufiyani and will be commanded by one Khuzama of Umiyyad dynasty. This army will camp at Zoha and Farooq. Another army will be levied in Baghdad which will contain 500 priests. 70,000 persons will be killed at Kufa Bridge. The water of the river Euphrates will stink for three days due to human blood in it. It will be a very troublesome period.

The descending of Christ according to Islamic books is not one only. He will descend in various countries and cities separately and at every place in a different manner. His first alighting will be at Mecca. It

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will be the time for Morning Prayer. The Great Leader with his 313 Companions will be ready to offer Morning Prayer. Just at this moment the Christ will come with an army of angels. By this time the rows for congregational prayer will have been set. The condition of Christ will be as if he has just taken a bath because the drops of water will be trickling from his hair. The Great Leader will ask him, ***"O spirit of God, go ahead and lead the prayer."***

Jesus Christ will say: ***"You are the Progeny of the Holy Prophet of Islam. No one has the right to stand before you,"*** Then Jesus Christ will recite 'Aqamat' (Final call for prayer) and then he will place his hand on the shoulder of the Great Leader and say "O Caliph of God go ahead and lead the prayer." the Christ will then stand behind him. In this prayer there will be no other individual except these two, 313 companions and the army of angels.

The second descending of the Christ will be at Jerusalem. This city will be besieged on that day by the army of Dajjal. The life there will become very difficult. Right at this moment a loud proclamation will be made from the east:

"O righteous people, where ever you are, get united and reach here." Another proclamation will be heard from the west:

"O evil doers get assembled where ever you are."

After these proclamations the colour of the sun will grow first pale and then it will become pitch dark. At this moment Daba-tul-Arz (Elia A.S) will appear and with his ring will write at the foreheads of the people 'Believer' or 'disbeliever'. Then a black cloud will alight from the sky and will stop over Jerusalem. Out of this,

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Jesus Christ will descend with his angelic force. He will be having a weapon in his hand with which he will kill Dajjal at Ladda gate, and will thus relieve his followers. All this has been told in the book of Zechariah, the Testament of Mark and Luke which make the scene clearer.

"But in those days, after the tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light. And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of heaven."
St. Mark Chapter 13 (24-27)

"For the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."
St. Luke Chapter 21 (26-27)

"And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof towards the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night:

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but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward hinder sea; in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."

Zecharia Chapter 14 (4-12)

"In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even the leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea. In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of redwine.

Isaiah Chapter 27 (1-2)

These references approve the Islamic Concept of descending of Jesus at one hand and on the other prove the sameness of the revealed religions. It is also proved that Jesus Christ will assemble his followers at Jerusalem. Those who would have been sealed on their foreheads will assemble there from where-ever they might be. Then the Great Leader will come to Jerusalem.

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"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

St. Matthew Chapter 24 (29-31)

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory. And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right band, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, come. ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

St. Matthew Chapter 25 (31-34)

The fight of Jesus Christ with Dajjal's army is told in the Revelation of St. John:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of Lords, and king of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

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Revelation Chapter 17 (12-14)

It means ten rulers will make an alliance against the Divine army. They will choose a big country as their leader and only one commander will command the whole army to fight against the Divine forces.

"And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever."

Revelation Chapter 22 (3-5)

Lord, Almighty, Ancient of days and Lord of hosts are the names which stand for the great Leader. These are symbolic names. The revelation of St. John contains an explanation to this effect.

"He had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself."

"His name is called the 'Word of God."

Revelation Chapter 19 (12-13)

In our books, on this topic, there is generally a chapter which is called 'Prohibition of pronouncing the name.

It is proved from various Traditions of the Holy prophet that Jesus Christ will alight at various places and points separately. It is not known as to which will be the first place or point. It is difficult to Chalk out an exact timetable in this be half. However it can be safely said that it will be on various places. For example

i. It will be in Jerusalem.

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ii. It will be in Mecca.
iii. It will be in Damascus at white bridge gate.
iv. It will be at the minaret of Eastern gate in Damascus.
v. It will be at Lyadda gate in Palestine.

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THE EMERGENCE

When we make a study about the emergence of the great Leader, we find a strange coincidence between the Islamic view and the view presented by other religions. The Islamic point of view is that the Great Leader will emerge from a village named 'Karaah'. He will start for Mecca all-alone. On reaching the suburbs of Mecca in the afternoon, he will sit under a tree. He will be having a yellow turban on his head and a rod in his hand. Just at that time angel Gabriel will recognize him and under the orders of God Almighty will request him to stretch out his hand so that he may take the oath of his allegiance. The great Leader will stretch out his hand and Gabriel will take the oath of allegiance. At this time a white cloud will be protecting him from the sun. By the sunset he will reach the precincts of Kaaba. The Testament of Burnbas tells the same story in the following words:

"After long long period God will show mercy and send His that messenger, on whose head a white cloud will hang over for shade. A saint of God will recognize him and will introduce him to the rest of the world."

Testament of Burnbas Chap.72

A long Chain of Traditions tells that he will spend his night in Kaaba. At night when the whole Arabia will be enjoying sound sleep, the four great angels Gabriel, Michael, Israfil and Izrail will present themselves to him with a big army of angels. All the angels will take oath of allegiance. Then Gabriel will submit respectfully, "Since you have taken over, why do not you make a proclamation to this effect? The Great Leader will say:

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"Worth of praise is that Lord of worlds who has fulfilled his promise made to us and has made us the owner of his earth."

Then he will come near Kaaba and will ride its roof and make a universal proclamation "O my adjutants reach me at once." ***At that moment some of them will be busy in saying prayers, some will be asleep and some others will be attending to their worldly affairs. The proclamation will reach the ears of the selected saints (adjutants). They will run, each one saying: "I am at your Service."*** The adjutants will include 313 men and 50 women who will reach Kaaba instantaneously. The Traditions tell that God Almighty will pave the way for great Leader's rule over night. Jesus Christ had made a prophecy about this fact:

"Then two shall be sleeping in the bed, the one shall be taken. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; The one shall be taken and the other left. Two persons will be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left."
St. Matthew Chapter 24 (40-42)

He further said that ***"The example of the Heavenly kingdom is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened."***
Luke Chapter 13 (21)

It means that everything will be done overnight. As regards the introduction of the Great Leader the Traditions clearly tell that a white cloud will be over shadowing him and angel Gabriel will be in that cloud. Where-ever the Great Leader will go, Gabriel will proclaim out of that cloud:

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" This is Mehdi (A.S) The Caliph of God, follow him."

At the start of emergence, there will be three loud proclamations. The first will be for assembling his devoted companions; The other will be for assembling his assistants and helpers whose number will be 10,000; The third will be made by Gabriel to invite all the nations of the world to join the Divine Revolution The Traditions tell this proclamation will be heard in every nook and corner of the world. It will make such an effect that the person who will be sitting will stand up, the standing will sit down and the sleeping will wake up. Everybody will become wonderstruck and harassed. Everyone will take that proclamation as if it was being made in the language one speaks. The Traditions ordain that when you hear this sound, say at once:

"I am at your service"

and start towards Mecca. You should try to reach there even if you have to crawl over the snow because this last proclamation will be made at the time when a general oath of allegiance will be taken in Kaaba. One should not look back as stressed by Jesus Christ:

"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon house top, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away; and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall loose it; and whosoever shall loose his life shall preserve it."

Luke Chapter 17 (29-33)

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When we study the Traditions deeply, we find that the persons who will reach the great Leader will be of different categories.

i. Those who will reach the very first night viz.313 men and 50 women
ii. Those 10,000 who will reach the next day.
iii. Those, who will find a letter of the Great Leader under their pillows. After reading the same they will start and will reach within a few days.
iv. Those, who will be lifted by angels and transported to Mecca. They will become aware when they reach there.
v. Those, who will incidentally assemble at some special points as it is said that many helpers will get incidentally assembled at Taleqan and on hearing the last proclamation will start running and will reach the destination.
vi. Those who belong to the nations and religions other than Islam and have a prior knowledge of the emergence of the Great Leader, will also try to reach. Those who believe in any revealed religion will also be transported by angels.

It has been clearly told by the prophets that all types of persons (good and bad) will be assembled. The bad will be sorted out and punished. This has been told by Christ in a parable:

"The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, That was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind; Which , when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So it shall be at the end of the world; the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire; There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."
St. Matthew Chapter 13 (47-50)

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Explanation:

When we review the incidents which will take place at the time of emergence, we feel that they bear two aspects. Some of the same look like relating to a political and religious revolution in which the general public of all the nations seems to play a great role. As regards the other aspect it appears to be collection of mythological events. For instance, riding on the clouds, armies of angles, the loud voices out of clouds, miraculous swords, resurrection of the dead, so on and so forth. Thus two pictures appear before us. One is that a great Reformer comes alone to Mecca. There he gives a slogan. It is so attractive that all the people of the earth without distinction of culture or creed, religion or civilization find the solution of their problems in that slogan. The poor and the oppressed will support him, the tyrants and oppressors will oppose him. The group of religious monopolists viz. Priests, mullas, pundits and ribbis will come out to oppose him because they would find that slogan injurious to their interests. They will plead against him. All these opposing forces will try to impede that great Reformer but his slogan will prevail all over the world with in a few years. The opponents will be beheaded for thwarting the revolution and thus a society of gentleness and ethical values will come into being.

The other picture seems to be very mythological. A Spiritual king of heaven alights on the earth; a heavenly throne is set and decorated for him. He sits on that throne and decorates it with his presence. All the inhabitants of the earth and heaven are ordered to assemble at one point. All the past and dead people stand out of their graves and assemble in a special field. The

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moon and stars loose their brightness. Angles and genies come down from heaven and surround that throne saying loudly: "God is Greatest." The system of the world is totally changed. The wicked and the evil doers meet their fate. Meanwhile the Devil collects his forces, a great battle takes place and the Devil is killed. Thus the vice is put to end and the reign of eternal pleasure and happiness starts.

It is just possible that someone may raise an objection to this aspect saying that it does not work well during the present scientific age or it does not appeal to a modern mind. The answer to same is that:

It is not correct to consider everything wrong which our mind does not understand. There are so many things which we cannot understand, yet we take them as right. Human reasons cannot understand all what is spiritual and metaphysical. Supernatural mystery and miracles are the essence of religion. It is, by dint of these things that people acknowledge a religion. We cannot reject it by calling it 'mythology'. If we go on labeling all the miracles shown by various prophets as mythology, no religion in the world would be acceptable. The moral laws as contained in various religions can be framed by a human mind also. It is the supernatural and the miracles which force a person to accept a religion as Divine. Thus the prophecies made about the period of the great Leader having a supernatural touch are to be acknowledged as such. The books of 220 religions tell the above related incidents about the Great Divine Leader. Therefore we cannot label them as mythology.

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RELIGIOUS MONOPOLISTS

At the time of emergence some so-called religious scholars will be in opposition due to their wrong beliefs. Some other Devilish scholars will support the Great Divine Leader to achieve material benefits. They will be simply desirous of getting high ranks and money. They will not join to refine their inner-self. When they will see that the Divine laws are being implemented even-handedly, they will get disappointed and will start raising objections to the various orders issued. And thus they will try to blackmail as their counterparts had been doing in the past. In the meanwhile the Great Leader will continue to implement the Divine laws so as to administer justice. The anti God element will come to light by this time.

" But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept line upon line; here a little and there a little, that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."
Isaiah Chapter 28 (13)

The said evil scholars will go to the Great Leader and say:

"O Son of the Holy Prophet, we do not need you. Please go wherefrom you came." They will try to make a debate about his decisions in the light of Quran and other religious books. Then they will label the decisions made by the great Leader as against Islamic Jurisprudence. The result will be as told by prophet Jeremiah:

"And I will scatter into all winds them that are in the utmost corners and I will bring their calamity from all sides there of, saith the Lord."

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Jeremiah Chapter 49 (32)

These evil scholars will also issue a sentence that the great Leader be killed. They will be put to sword. The Islamic books tell that from 12,000 to 80,000 evil Muslim scholars will be killed for opposing the Right. 30,000 Jewish scholars will be in addition. Their exact number is better known to God. Anyhow who so-ever will try to blackmail or will not accept the Right, the representative of God will finish him. Their followers and supporters will also meet the same fate because their crime will be not less than the evil scholars. Jesus Christ says:

' Those who refute the new laws of God Almighty and take the sayings of Jurists as correct and true, they in a way believe and take the ordinary men to be those as impeccable of preserved against sin. Thus they negate the trthfulness of God Almighty.'
(Testament of Burnbas)

This crime is twofold;

(i) To consider a person who is not preserved by God against sin as preserved one;
(ii) To consider a preserved one as a non-preserved.

Both these crimes justify their slaughter. Thousands of such people will be killed, who will raise objection or refuse to obey or doubt any order passed by the Divine Leader because he will be the Deputy of God. In the absence of the Real Power, its deputy enjoys his full powers.

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ARMAMENT

The arms, weapons and other connected things to be used by the Great Devine Leader require a special mention.

Standard:

It has been told through Traditions that when the general oath of allegiance will come to an end, Gabriel will bring a standard from heavens. Holy Imam Sadiq (A.S.) says that this is the same banner which Gabriel brought for the Holy Prophet at the time of battle of Badr. It is woven with the silk of paradise. It was opened at Bada and was wrapped after the victory. It was again opened by the Chief of believers Hazrat Ali (A.S) in the battle of Jamal and was again wrapped after victory. On the 10th of Muharrum, Hazrat Abul-Fazal Abbas (A.S) opened it at Karbala but Hazrat Imam Hussein A.S asked him to wrap it again so that it may be opened by our Qaim A.S, (The Last Great Leader). It remained preserved with all the Holy Imams. When the moment of emergence will come, this banner will be unwrapped automatically. A voice will come out of it and say ' O Friend of God, please rise on your feet and kill the enemies of God."

After the announcement of emergence, this banner will be with the angel Israfil, who will carry it in front of the army. Holy Imam Hazrat Baqir (A.S) says,
"As if I am looking at my son at the back of Koofa that he has ordered to unwrap the standard of the Holy Prophet after reaching Najaf."

Its rod is one of the pillars of Arsh (Throne of God.) This banner is the aid of God. Where ever he will

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go with it, he will finish his enemies. Its pomp and fear will reach up to a distance to be covered in a month It will bear a writing:

‘Highness is for God.'

In addition to this there will be several standards with different units of the army. The name of one of the standard bearers has been given as Shoeb son of Saleh Tamimi. The writing on his banner will be:

'Allegiance is for God.’

There will be another banner on which it will be written:

'Hear and obey.'

Perhaps this is the banner about which it has been said in the Bible.

"And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth; and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly. None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken."

Isaiah Chapter 5 (26-27)

This ensign has been mentioned at many places in the Bible.

The Horse:

Two horses of the Divine Leader have been mentioned in the books. One will be totally of white colour, perhaps this is 'Murtajiz', the horse of Hazrat Imam Hussein (A.S). The other will be white spotted. A

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light will emit from the forehead of the horse with which each and every city of the world will be enlightened. This is one of the special signs of the Great Leader.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and true, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called 'The Word of God'. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KIGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelation Chapter 19 (11-16)

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnants were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

Revelation Chapter 19 (19-21)

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One of the qualities of this horse is to fly in the space. This quality has been mentioned in the books of Hindus, Jews, Christian and Muslims.

He bowed the heavens also and came down; and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

'THE SWORD':

All the religions tell that the Great Divine Leader will be having a fire-shedding sword in his hand.

"For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of Lord shall be many."
Isaiah Chapter 66 (16)

The Islamic books tell that when the well of Zam-Zam at Mecca was redug, this sword was found by Hazrat Abdul Mutleb the grandfather of the Holy Prophet and the name of the Great Leader was written there on. The Holy Imam Taqi (A.S.) says that at the time of emergence the sword will come out of the sheath automatically and will request the Great Leader like the banner, ***" O Friend of God, Rise and seek the vengeance of the oppressed."*** Holy Imam Sadiq (A.S) said that this sword will continuously work for full seven months killing the enemies of God. It has also been told that the swords for 313 companions of the Great Leader will also descend from heaven and the name of each of them will be imprinted on the respective swords. Similarly the horses for them will also alight from heaven.

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" In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, ' Holiness Unto The Lord;."

Zechariah Chapter 14(20)

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THE CAPITALS:

In every revolution breaking and smashing is a must in its start. The walls of previous values and laws are pulled down. New laws and values are implemented gradually. The previous building is demolished and new is not yet constructed. The results of the revolution cannot be evidently seen during this transitory period. By and by everything comes to its proper place and after some period the results of the revolution become visible. the anti-revolution forces, when crushed, go underground and start their negative activities.

When the revolutionary powers get established, they implement the laws and orders by degrees. The style of the Divine Revolution appears to be similar. First the Divine Leader will emerge all alone. With spiritual resources he will gather material resources. Then angle and men will get around him. There will be wars in which he will fight himself till the opponent forces will get crushed and dispersed. The power of Right will be acknowledged. There will be no Government in the world which will be able to oppose the Divine forces. The opposing small groups and weaker parties having a limited manpower will go underground and resort to conspiracies. Right will form a strong centre which will become its capital. This Divine capital will be at the bank of the river Euphrates. The Bible says;

"He shall have dominion also from sea to sea and from the river (Euphrates) unto the ends of the earth."

Psalms No. 72(8)

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This shows that the capital will be on the bank of Euphrates and frontiers of the Government will extend to the last end of the earth.

A combined study of Bible and Islamic Traditions shows that the centre of the Government will be at Kufa where the Great Leader will build a mosque having one thousand doors. The capital will comprise an area of 22 x 22 miles. A secondary capital will be built at Jerusalem. This finds support from the Bible.

"For out of zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."
Isaiah Chapter 2(3)

"And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem."
Zechariah Chapter 14(8)

This has been expressed in Revelation of St. John that a New Jerusalem will come into existence. The word Jerusalem stands for the centre of religious guidance. Therefore Kufa is meant by New Jerusalem.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."
Revelation Chapter 21(2)

This New Jerusalem will be built near Kufa at Heera or near to, possibly its name will be new also. This city has been described by St. John as follows:

"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (Jesus Christ) are the temples of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And

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the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the Kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day; for there shall be no night there."
Revelation Chapter 21(22-25)

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord god giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."
Revelation Chapter 22 (5)

Holy Quran says:*" The earth will be enlightened with the light of its Lord."* It has been said in the explanation of this Verse that the people will feel no need for the light of the sun or the moon.

Various books tell that the Great Leader will visit all the countries of the world. He will be received with open arms everywhere. I cannot pinpoint the places, he will visit; I can only tell how he will be received

"They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my god, my king, in the sanctuary. The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with tumbrels. Bless ye god in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel."
Psalms No.68 (24-26)

" I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee."
Psalms No.144 (9)

"All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee."
Psalms No.66 (4)

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"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."
Isaiah chapter 40 (5)

"We will rejoice and be glad."
Psalms No.118 (24)

There will be so many cities enjoying the status of provincial Capitals. Those will be holy cities. In various books [(1)] their names are:

Mecca the honourable, Madina the enlightened, Jerusalem, Zion, Turkey, Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Multan, China, Azerbaijan, Rome etc. The peculiarities of the said cities have been told thus

" And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life which bare twelve manner of fruits and yielded her fruit every month; and the leaves of the trees were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servant shall serve him. And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in there foreheads."
Revelations Chapter 22(1-4)

One is unable to think about the coming good time as to how many delights, pleasures and enjoyments will it entail. It looks proper that I should quote Great Burnbas

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(1) In so many books relating to the disappearance of Great Divine Leader, the names of the cities have been given in detail. For example the Book Mehdi-e-Mauood by Hussain Imam Zada.

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who writes with reference to Isaiah. He says:

" Neither a man's eyes have seen, nor his ears have heard, nor his heart or brain has perceived what has God Almighty in store for those who love Him."

Style of Arrival:

Some of the books give an account of the style of Great Divine Leader's arrival into his capital. It cannot be said with certainty that the said arrival will be at single place or it pertains to his arrival in various cities, but the pomp and show with which the Great Divine Leader will arrive after establishment of his Government, will be unique. The army of angles, which will add to the grandeur and dignity, requires a special mention. Holy Quran says: ***"And thy Lord shall come with angles, rank on rank."***
Al-Fajr (The Dawn-22)

"***A day, when the heaven with the clouds will be rent asunder and the angles will be sent down, a grand descent."***
Al-Furqan (The Criterion-25)

"And thou seest the angles thronging round the throne, hymning the praises of their Lord. And they are judged aright. And it is said: Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds."
Az-Zumar (The Troops-75)

"Those who bear the throne, and all who are round about it, hymn the praises of their Lord and believe [(1)] in Him and ask forgiveness for those who

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[(1)] Here the word 'believe' has been used in the sense of obedience. It has been

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believe (Saying): Our Lord! Thou comprehendest all things in mercy and knowledge, therefore forgive those who repent and follow Thy Way (2). Ward off from them the punishment of hell."

Al-Mumin (The Believer- 7)

"His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power."

Habakkuk chapter 3 (3-4)

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory ? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Psalms No.24 (9-10)

There will be so many prophets who will be riding the clouds and will alight on the earth along with the Great Divine Leader. The Bible says:

"Jesus saith unto him, Thou haste said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

St. Matthew chapter 26 (64)

"And then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and Great glory."

St. Matthew chapter 24 (30)

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said in the Holy Quran about Lot: that Lot(a prophet) believed in Abraham. This does not means that Lot was a disbeliever heretofore but it means that he obeyed and followed Abraham.

(2) Holy Quran terms every representative of God as a 'Sabeel' or a way.

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Divine Court:

Then the Divine court will be set. The Great Divine Leader will decorate the court with his presence.

The foremost to be called for, will be the pious and oppressed ones. Those will be also sent for, whose belief was right but deeds fell short of the mark. It will be ordered:

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
Psalms No. 50 (5)

Holy Quran says:

"On the day when the angles and the Spirit stand arrayed, they speak not, saving him whom the Beneficent alloweth and who speaketh right."
Al-Naba (The Tidings-38)

"On the Day when we shall gather the righteous unto the Beneficent, a goodly company."
Maryam (Mary-85)

"On the day when We shall summon all men with their record, who so is given his book in his right hand -- such will read their book and they will not be wronged a shred."
Bani Israel (The Children of Israel-71)

The people from all ages (from the first to the last) will be assembled. Holy Quran says:

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"Say: Lo! Those of Old and those of later time, will all be brought together to the tryst of an appointed day."
Al-Waqiah (The Event 49-50)

"The day when they come forth, nothing of them being hidden from Allah. Whose is the sovereignty this day? It is Allah's the one, the Almighty."
Al-Mumin (The Believer-16)

"On that day they follow the summoner, who deceiveth not, and voices are hushed for the Beneficent, and thou hearest but a faint murmur. On that Day no intercession availeth save (that of) him unto whom the Beneficent hath given leave and whose He accepteth.
Taha (108-109)

"There is none in the heavens and the earth but cometh unto the Beneficent as a slave. Verily He knoweth them and numbereth them with (right) numbering. And each one of them will come unto Him on the Day of Resurrection, alone."
Maryam (Mary-93-95)

It means that the pious persons will arrive in groups and delegation. Those other than them (Sinners) will come individually. The God-fearing will be seated on golden Chairs in the royal court.

Holy Quran says:***" And thou will see them exposed to (the Fire), made humble by disgrace, and looking with veiled eyes. And those who believe will say: Lo! The (eternal) losers are they who lose themselves and their house folk on the Day of***

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Resurrection. Lo! Are not the wrong-doers in perpetual torment?"
Ash-Shura (Counsel-45)

"This day it is those who believe who have the laugh of disbelievers, on high couches, gazing."
Al-Mutfifeen (Defrauding-34-35)

"That day will faces be resplendent, looking towards their Lord."
Al-Qiyamah (The Rising of the Dead-22-23)

The Bible says:***" And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."***
Revelation chapter 20 (11-15)

The preceding verses tell us about two sort of books: The personal book and the Book of life.

"And the Book is placed, and thou seest the guilty fearful of that which is therein, and they say: what kind of a book is this that leaveth not a small thing nor a great thing but hath counted it! And they find all that they did confronting them and thy Lord wrongeth no one."
Al-Kahf (The Cave-50)

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"And thou wilt see each nation crouching, each nation summoned to its record. (And it will be said unto them): This day ye are requited what ye used to do. This Our Book pronounceth against you with truth. Lo! We have caused (all) that ye did to be recorded."

Al-Jathiyah (Crouching 28-29)

"And the earth shineth with the light of her Lord, and the Book is set up, and the Prophets and the witness are brought, and it is judged between them with truth, and they are not wronged."

Az-Zumar (The Troops-69)

Then the grandeur of Lord will be shown.

"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Isaiah chapter 40 (5)

"But when they see it nigh, the faces of those who disbelieve will be awry, and it will be said (unto them): This is that for which ye used to call."

Al-Mulk (The Sovereignty-27)

"On the day when it befalleth in earnest, and they are ordered to prostrate themselves but are not able, with eyes downcast, abasement stupefying them. And they had been summoned to prostrate themselves while they were yet unhurt."

Al-Qalam (The Pen-42-43)

"The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Isaiah chapter 52 (10)

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It transpires from the foregoing quotation that those who will be habitual to honour the things attributed to God Almighty will be successful eventually. All such successful persons from the first to the last will be bifurcated from the unsuccessful. There will be a herald to call out the later Category.

"It will be said unto them: Depart unto that (doom) which ye used to deny; Depart unto the shadow falling threefold, no relief nor shelter from the flame. Lo! it therewith up sparks like the castles, or as it might be camels of bright yellow hue."
Al-Mursalat (The Emissaries-29-33)

When the oppressors and sinners will disappear, the righteous people will be awarded their due.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. "
Revelation chapter 21 (3-5)

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth."
Isaiah chapter 25 (8)

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"And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee."
Zechariah chapter 2 (11)

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."
Malachi chapter 3 (17)

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into Joy. A women when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice and your joy no man taketh from you."
St. John Chapter 16(20-22)

It becomes clear that after a sorrowful period an everlasting happiness will be provided. The biggest happiness will be to find the great Divine Leader among us. The men will meet their past favourites. They will find eternal joys in lieu of the afflictions they sustained. They will be given thrones to sit on. They will have the enjoyment of hearing the word of God directly from Him:

"All his saints are in thy hand; and they sat down at thy feet; everyone shall receive of thy words."
Deuteronomy Chapter 33(03)

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All the promises extended by the Prophets will stand fulfilled. The wrongs done to the oppressed will be made good.

"They say: Praise be to Allah, who hath fulfilled his promise unto us and hath made us inherit the land, Sojourning in the Garden where we will ! So bounteous is the wage of workers. "
Az-Zumar (The Troops-74)

The references on this point can be multiplied but in the interest of brevity I shall not go ahead in this direction.

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ADMINISTRATION AND JUDICIARY:

Two departments are of prime importance for proper running of Government:

1. Administration,
2. Judiciary.

If these two pillars are strong, well working and sincere, the social setup of country can never go astray. In this divine Government the people themselves will be so lawful that no penal code will be necessary to implement. If the crime is not there, the penal laws automatically become superfluous. Anyhow the formulation of an administrative structure is a must to have a just society. It is imperative to honor some pious and God-fearing persons of a society by appointing them as officers and administrators. This facilitates to keep the society active and organized because the organs of the state (officers) guide each member of it to their respective duties and where, when and how to perform the same?

The appointment of administrators will be direly needed in the beginning for the establishment of the Government, because the remains of tyrants and their cruelties will be there. A well-organized system is obligatory till the society is truly purged. The system told by the revealed books is as below:

The Great Divine Leader will be the supreme authority in the whole of the globe. He will be center of all powers because he will be the sole representative and Deputy of God Almighty. He will appoint his Administrators and Charge de's affairs in various

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countries. We are unable to tell as to what will be the geographical shape of the world and the marking of boundaries of various countries at that time. Anyhow, this much is certain that the world will be divided into many units for facility of administration. Such units or states will be controlled by the center and their rule will be assigned to some or all the Prophets as told by Prophet Daniel:

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."
Daniel Chapter 7(13-14)

In a long Tradition, it has been told about the Prophet Ismail (The keeper of promise) That he will be given a state to govern. 313 companions of the Great Divine Leader which include Moses, Usha son of Noon, some companions of Prophet of Islam, Sons of Aqeel (A.S) and a few personalities of Bani Hashim (A.S), each of them will be given sway over certain portion of the earth. The Tradition relating to Return [(1)], indicate that right from the Prophet of Islam to Imam Hussein A.S. (Father of Great Divine Leader) will all rule the world.

Some other Traditions relate that some personalities will be individually given a sway over

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[(1)] For a detailed study kindly see chapter of Rajaat or Return in the books of Tradition. Recently in Iran the verses of Holy Quran and the Traditions on the point of Return have been codified in the shape of book.

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whole of the earth for a certain term. Some will have a reign of 40,000 years. The Prophets Noah, Abraham, Ismail, Isaac, Jacob and David will also be given royal scepter. What I can understand is that they will be given Government of specific portions of the earth.

They will have their independent governments, free to appoint their provincial governors. The Prophet Moses, during his reign will have 12 governors under him and Christ will also have a similar number of his deputies.

When Shamoon Patras asked Christ, "we, who have surrendered everything for you, what will we receive in return?" The answer was:

"And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."
St. Matthew Chapter 19(28)

Prophet Jeremiah repeats the same in his Own way:-

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries wither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord."
Jeremiah Chapter 23(3-4)

This shows that the administration of Justice will go even to towns. The system will be run by the righteous persons and the rule of law will be

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supreme and the law will be the Divine Law. It is natural to think as to how the officers and Administrators will implement the law? Where from will they receive orders? Will the law be in the shape of code or something else?

The answer to these questions has been already provided in following Tradition:

"When there will be the rule of Great Divine Leader, he will appoint his deputies in various parts of the world and will direct each one of them to get the guidance from his palm. He will say 'When there is a matter beyond the power of your reason and brain, look at your palm and you find the solution written therein. Then do as directed."

This is the first source. The other source has been mentioned in the book Roza-tul-Kafi in the following words:

"When the great Divine Leader will get established, God Almighty will bestow his subjects with the most ideal sight and hearing. So much so that they will be able to see and talk to the great leader even from a distance of many thousand miles."

This will be the privilege of an ordinary subject, what to speak of the favorites, who have been declared by God Almighty as his arms:

Thus every house will become the manifestation of God Almighty:

"And the lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory shall be a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time

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from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain"

Isaiah Chapter 4(5-6)

The outstanding quality of this system will be that it will be transparent in its entirety. Not a single link in the whole chain will be obscure. This quality of the system will transform this world into a paradise.

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THE SPIRITUAL CONTACT WITH THE LAST GREAT REFORMER

It is just possible that this book may be taken as a book of mysticism or mythology. A faction of the public may say that when the **Last Reformer** emerges, we shall see to it. Since he is not present at the moment, why should we bother for him presently?

I will submit to both sets of the readers that if someone considers that the Last Guide and the Great Reformer is not present in the present age, it is a great misconception on his part. It is not just on the part of God Almighty that the representative of evil (Devil) might be present and there should be no representative of good. So no age has ever remained without a Divine Reformer. This is something else that he might be waiting for a proper moment to introduce himself in that capacity, as was the deliverer of the Sons of Israel waiting in the house of Pharaoh for appropriate time or he was waiting to be opportune in the pastures of Maiden. But it is a fact that he was very much present in that age. Similarly a deliverer is present for the man of this age.

In the past a small country used to be taken as a world. Therefore, their Divine Guides kept themselves limited to those countries or nations only. Now the whole world has become a global village, its Deliverer is only one who is waiting for an appropriate time to appear.

A question tickles the minds, if he is present, then where is he? In reply to this question I will put a counter question to my reader:
"Do you intend to have a contact with him? ASK your inner sole whether you are serious for this contact "?

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And if you achieve a spiritual approach to him, will you obey his orders and commands? If the answer is in affirmative, I am going to tell you a method to contact the Divine Guide and receive his instructions directly. You will have to under go a bit of labour and the deliverer of this age will meet you in dream or waking and provide you the requisite guidance. But the condition is that his behests should be taken as the last word and his orders regarding religion or worldly affairs must not be disobeyed in any case. If you take this convenient firmly with that lord, there will be no delay in having a contact.

Procedure:

The preparation for the contact should start from any Friday. Take a bath at night falling between Thursday and Friday.

Diet:

Try to reform your diet, because it plays a vital role. The diet should comprise of green vegetables and fruit. Every type of flesh food should be avoided. Ghee, milk, curd and butter must not be used. In a case of dire necessity, vegetable oil viz. corn oil can be used but in a very small quantity. But it will be better not to use the same. Diet should be taken lesser than needed. The diet to be used i.e. vegetables should be self-cooked and before cooking wash them thoroughly with plenty of fresh water.

Clothing:

Loose cotton dress might be used. It should be washed and cleaned by yourself. None else should be

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allowed to touch it. It should neither be starched nor ironed.

Sex:

During this period sex should be avoided in all shapes. Films, dramas, and other things exiting sex are to be avoided. Even a sexual look is highly undesirable. Body, its parts and even thinking is to be kept free from sex.

Tongue:

The tongue should be strictly guarded against moral evils. One should not talk without a pressing need. Neither songs nor back-biting is to be listened to.

To Ease Nature:

In latrine after easing nature, fully wash yourself. A single drop or an iota of filth should not be on body, dress or even foot-wear.

Abstinence, sobriety and control of passions and to take care of all the above things is necessary during this procedure. The tighter you observe it, the sooner you achieve the goal.

The duration of observing the said procedure is one week minimum or two weeks maximum viz. from one Friday to another Friday or till the third Friday. During the period of observance one should not preferably leave his abode even for ritual prayer. If you have to go per force, then go reciting the line which is coming in the following paragraph. While walking, keep your look down.

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The Recitation:

Take a bath at the mid-night between Thursday and Friday and wear the dress already washed for this purpose. A self-washed mat or cotton sheet should be spread on the floor of a separate room or roof. Sit eastward thereon and touch the floor with your forehead and nose and read the following recitation in that condition for 313 times.

"Ya Hadi Nawwir Qalbee be Hidayatik ".
Translation: **"O Guide! Enlighten my heart with the light of your guidance."**

The recitation should be on the tongue and its meanings in the mind. After repeating it for 313 times rise to the sitting position and address or request your Deliverer without naming him. He is to be addressed by just saying ' O my Guide '. Then talk to him obediently in your own words. There is no restriction that the words might be the same but the purport should be the same. One may say like following:

" O our deliverer in this world and the next, O our Guide, I have come to know about you that you are very much present in this world and not far from anybody. From wherever we should invoke, you hear the same. I confess my all faults and sins before you vacates I believe that your exalted self forgives those who admit their guilt. O my master and lord, I don’t know where you are? Had I known it, I would have presented my humble self to you. I am sure you know where I am. In discharging the duty entrusted to you by God Almighty, kindly assure me of your presence in a way that I may have a firm belief of the same.

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You please guide me. I present my religious matters, faith and worldly affairs before you. I present the blank paper of my mind. Presently I have neither any religion nor belief. From today onwards my religion and belief will be that, which you imprint on this blank paper. I make a covenant with your exalted self that I shall obey your orders. The belief given by you will be my religion. I will consider things allowed by you as lawful and not allowed as prohibited. I offer my assistance (though you need it not) of every kind. Kindly include my name in your assistants and servants. I proffer my life, possession's and honour to your exalted self. You have complete authority of spending the same as you please or wherever you like. But kindly guide me and take my responsibility of this world as well as the life hereafter. If there is a life after death, there is reward for good and punishment for bad, kindly be my trustee there also. I hand over myself to your great honour. I am ready to accept whatever you like. Kindly assure me of your guardianship here and hereafter.

Now I present my last request that if you don't assure me of your entity and presence and don't guide me in the fields of my religion, beliefs, does and don'ts, then I will plainly tell my Creator, when He will question me about my sins that: Your representative did not guide me despite my request. So there is no fault on my part. Kindly ask your representative about my sins.

O my Guide, O my deliverer, O centre of my all love! Take pity on me, be kind to me. Give shelter to a sinful person like me..."

(One may prolong this request and talk like above for as long as one wishes)

Then shut your eyes and try to meditate and concentrate on the image of your Guide. When you feel strongly

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sleepy, have a slumber on the mat or cotton sheet on which you are sitting.

Continue this observance from one Friday to the other. I am sure that our and your kind lord will guide you. If the guidance is not received within the first week, then prolong the procedure to another week and request as follows:

"I shall wait for guidance till the next Friday. If it is not received till then, I will never return to you and will believe that your exalted self is not present in this world."

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LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST

A bright future is anxiously waiting for the pious persons of all the religions. Such persons should, therefore, get together, irrespective of their religions. They should jointly cry out for the arrival of the personality, who is to brighten their future. We should arrange for joint prayers and request-full worships, we should fast and then say congregational prayers, so that 'the awaited for' may realise our thirst and pain and hasten his arrival. His sender is highly kind and looks for plea to shower His munificence on his creatures. He should send His representative soon so that the world, full of tyranny and oppression, should turn into a cradle of peace.

Those who have moral weakness should feel repentance over their condemnable deeds and should join the rows of pious people. They may not forsake their religion and belief but they should redeem themselves in a way that if the Great saviour comes, they might be ready and able to assemble under his flag. They should be in position that whatever label or name he may select for his religion or group; they should readily accept it, without sticking to their own.

If he proclaims that his religion is Christianity, all the pious persons of every religion should accept the

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Note: Many persons have benefited from the above observance. You may test it by acting upon the above with firm faith and sincere heart. The covenant is to be made very sincerely. It will be necessary to act upon the orders received by you from the Divine Guide, otherwise a perpetual destruction will be your fate. If you intend to receive the Divine guidance form the core of your heart, then do practice the above observance.

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same. If he declares that his religion is Islam, all the pious persons should label themselves like wise and should sincerely offer their support and assistance.

I have made a modest effort. I am unaware whether or not some one has already taken any step in this direction. If there is already a work of similar nature, then my book may be taken as its corroboration and confirmation and if not, then it opens new vistas for further research.

I am soon going to present another book on the same topic with reference to Eastern religion. It will be its second volume. In it, I shall present the concept of the awaited Greater Reformer in the light of the sayings of great Krishna, Ram chandar Jee, great Budha, scriptures of Hindus, Zoroaster and Swami Mahabeer.

I have written this book sincerely and for the betterment of mankind. If someone does not agree with its contents, he has every right to do so. If it injures someone's feelings, I tender my apology in advance because my aim is not to offend the minds of others but to try to bridge the gulf of hatred between humanity as a whole. If someone has more material regarding the topic under discussion, he should contact me, so that I may correct myself.

At the end I prayer to God Almighty that he should help us in becoming pious and make us such as we may be able to join the league, assisting and supporting our pious people. The aim is that we may lay our lives in the feet of His last representative. Amen.
Thanking the Lord of all lords,

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